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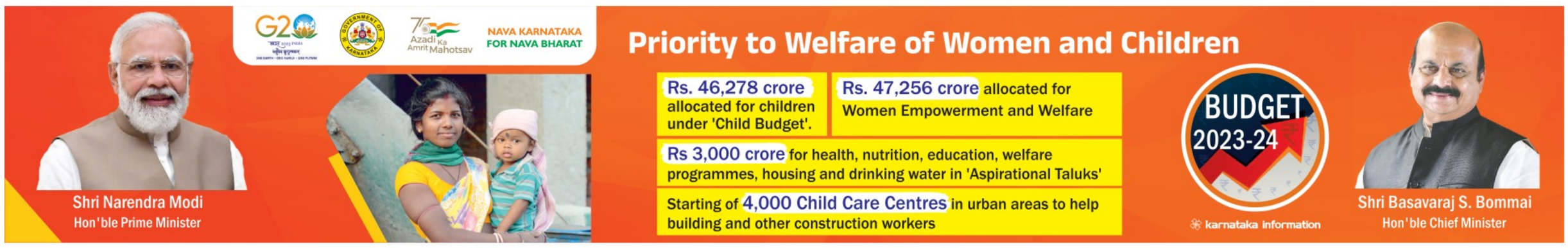
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Hon'ble Chief Minister

GST collections cross ₹1.49 lakh cr.; cess inflows hit a record

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues grew 12.4% in February to exceed ₹1.49 lakh crore, with tax receipts from goods imports rising 6% and domestic transactions along with services imports yielding 15% more from the figures of the corresponding month in 2022.

This is the 12th straight month that revenues have surpassed ₹1.4 lakh crore, though it was 5.06% lower than January's ₹1,57,554 crore. Central GST (CGST) collections stood at ₹27,662 crore, while State GST accounted for ₹34,915 crore. Integrated GST (IGST) inflows stood at ₹75,069 crore (including ₹35,689 crore on import of goods), while GST Compensation Cess collections hit a record of ₹11,931 crore.

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Staff withdraw strike after govt. offers 17% interim relief

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hours after launching an indefinite strike demanding a pay hike as per the 7th Pay Commission report on Wednesday, the Karnataka State government employees called it off, following the Government Order providing interim relief of 17% with effect from April 1.

The government also announced the setting up of a committee to study the feasibility of withdrawing from the National Pension Scheme (NPS), which is another key demand of the employees.

The relief given by the government, under pressure in the election year, is expected to benefit about 15 lakh families of employees and pensioners, according to the Karnataka State Government Employees' Association.

By the time the strike was withdrawn, health services in OPDs, and some scheduled surgeries had been affected in government hospitals. Government and aided educational institutions were closed as teachers joined the strike. Besides, the strike had started affecting a host of other government services.

Continued negotiations

Hectic parleys at the government level preceded the employees' decision. On Tuesday night, the government had tried to prevent the employees from going on a strike by offering about 8% interim relief as against the demand of 40%. The government had also indicated that it would take at least two months to receive an interim report.

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India asks G-20 to extradite economic offenders fast

New Delhi in favour of strengthening of mechanisms for speedy confiscation of proceeds of crime, both at home and abroad, which will force the offenders to return to their home countries

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India on Wednesday called upon G-20 countries to adopt multilateral action for faster extradition of fugitive economic offenders and recovery of assets, both domestically and abroad.

Chairing the the first anti-corruption working group in Gurugram with co-chair Italy, Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh said, "Economic offences have been a problem faced by many, especially when the offenders flee from the jurisdiction of the country. India has put in place specialised legislation in this regard, in the form of Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, the term wherein 'fugitive economic offender' [FEO] is defined as an individual against whom a warrant of arrest in relation to scheduled offence has been issued by any court in India and who has left the country to avoid criminal prosecution; or the FEO abroad refuses to return to face criminal prosecution."

Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh with delegates at the G-20 working group meeting in Gurugram on Wednesday. PTI

Mr. Singh said the Enforcement Directorate had transferred assets worth about $180 billion to public sector banks that suffered losses of around $272 billion from frauds committed by high net worth individuals.

He informed the delegates that India's view is that strengthening of mechanisms for speedy confiscation of the proceeds of crime, both at home and abroad, would force the offenders to return to home country. He said this would allow for an effective investigation and speedy trial. This would also help the banks and other financial institutions and tax authorities to achieve recovery from defaults committed by such offenders, restoring to some extent the health of these financial institutions, while eliminating the possibility of further misuse of these funds.

Mr. Singh said, as the primary forum for global economic cooperation, G-20 had to take responsibility to lead global efforts against corruption.

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Patrolling intensified for Vande Bharat

BENGALURU
After the recent incident of stone pelting on the Vande Bharat Express train in the city, authorities have intensified track patrolling at "black spots". » Page 2

JD(S) problem is also of balancing sub-castes

BENGALURU
While the drama over JD(S) ticket for Hassan seat has so far been seen through the prism of power play within the family of party patriarch H.D. Deve Gowda, those in the know say a key component of the plot is the intricate Vokkaliga sub-caste equation in the region. » Page 6

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

34 The number of projects the Himachal Pradesh's Single Window Clearance and Monitoring Authority approved for setting up new industrial enterprises and for the expansion of existing units in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, according to the official statement. These projects involve a total proposed investment of ₹1,754.44 crore with employment avenues for about 3,635 persons. PTI

8,000 In crore, the amount allotted for Mukhkyamantri Ladli Behna Yojna by the Madhya Pradesh government. The government allotted 2.54% of the ₹3.14 lakh crore Budget for 2023-24 on the new women's welfare scheme. Under the scheme, women will be given ₹1,000 assistance per month with certain riders including that they are not Income Tax payees. PTI

245 The number of elephant deaths reported in Odisha in the last three years between 2019 and 2022, according to officials. Odisha's Forest and Environment minister P.K. Amat informed the State Assembly that six of the elephants were killed by poachers and that 47 persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in killing elephants and smuggling tusks and tiger hides. PTI

83.7 In percentage, the purity of the uranium particles enriched in Iran's Fordo nuclear site, according to a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Iran's 2015 nuclear deal limited Tehran's uranium stockpile to 300 kilograms. and enrichment to 3.67%. Such a great variance in purity even at the atomic level would appear suspicious creating tensions between Iran and the West. AP

8.4 In percentage, the predicted growth for the Indian technology industry in FY23, set to become a $245 billion sector, according to the National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom). The sector had revenues of $226 billion in FY22, the industry lobby said in its strategic review. The cross-currency headwinds have shaved off over 2% of the revenue growth. PTI

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Understanding the Windsor framework

What is the Northern Ireland Protocol and how did it lead to disruptions in trade between Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom? What is the source of tension between the Unionists and Republicans of Northern Ireland? Will the new framework come into effect immediately?

EXPLAINER

Narayan Lakshman

The story so far:

The United Kingdom and the European Union struck a deal on February 27 regarding post-Brexit trade rules for Northern Ireland, with a view to remove the border between Britain and Northern Ireland running through the Irish Sea. The fact that the Republic of Ireland remained with the EU after Brexit led to complications on the trade front, a wrinkle that the U. K.'s conservative government ironed out with the Northern Ireland Protocol. However, the Protocol, which allowed EU customs rules to apply across Northern Ireland, led to tensions in the province. The Windsor framework is the latest attempt at a remedy to the political complexities that have impacted trade and sentiments in the area.

What is the backdrop?

Ever since the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 established the Irish Free State, the island's counties comprising Northern Ireland, remained a part of the U.K. The political split on the island was exacerbated by growing tensions, especially from the 1960s onwards, with spiralling violence between Unionists, who were set on Northern Ireland remaining within the U.K., and the Republicans, who favoured unification with the Republic of Ireland. Over the following three decades of attacks that came to be known as "The Troubles", more than 3,500 people died and many hundreds of thousands were injured. This dark saga on the island ended only after the Good Friday Agreement was hammered out in 1998 between Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern of the U.K. and the Republic of Ireland respectively. A key takeaway from the Agreement was that, respecting the wishes of the majority of the people of Northern Ireland, the province would remain a part of the U.K. The people of the province would continue to be governed by blended political institutions, based on power-sharing between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Why were there trade tensions?

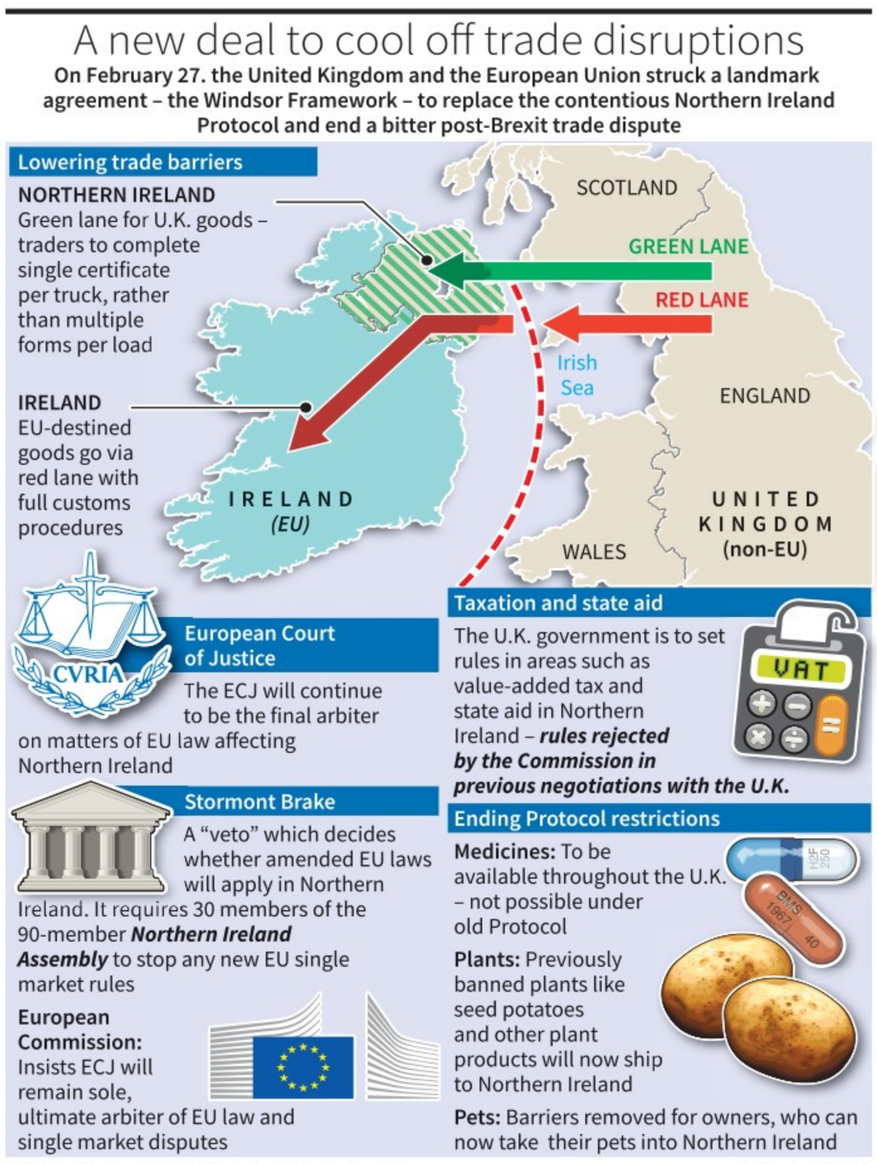
These carefully constructed arrangements faced an imminent challenge with the prospect of Brexit, and that led, in 2019, to the Northern Ireland Protocol, which allowed EU customs rules to apply in Northern Ireland. This was to avoid a hard customs border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Specifically, under the Protocol, Northern Ireland would formally be outside the EU single market, yet EU rules on the free movement of goods and customs union would continue to apply. While the Protocol promoted peace and harmony on the island, it de facto cut Northern Ireland off from the UK in terms of trade by imposing, in effect, a hard customs border in the Irish Sea. This aggravated Northern Ireland unionists who argued that it was unfair that goods could not flow freely between the province and the rest of the UK.

How does the Windsor framework attempt to resolve trade issues?

The Windsor framework seeks to address the aforementioned disruptions to trade between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K. caused by the Northern Ireland Protocol. It does so by permitting free trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland through the use of green and red lanes for goods flowing into Northern Ireland. Green lane goods will have fewer checks and controls, including no customs checks or rules of origin. Red lane goods under the framework will be subject to full checks and controls to preserve the EU's single market. In a bid to ease the impact on farmers, agri-food goods such as meat and dairy will have reduced checks and controls, and food retailers, including supermarkets, wholesalers, and caterers, will be able to move agri-food via the green lane. The prohibition on certain chilled meats from Great Britain being sold in Northern Ireland will be removed. The U.K. and EU leaders are hoping that this would lead to greater availability of British goods in Northern Ireland markets, including both foods and medicines.

Will the framework resolve all outstanding trade issues in the area?

While the Windsor arrangement is aimed at protecting Northern Ireland's position within the U.K., and restoring its people's sovereignty, it is by no means an established working arrangement yet. For one, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak might be anticipating political blowback from hard-line Tory Brexiteers, who might be incensed at the continuing applicability of some EU customs rules in Northern Ireland. Objections to the new arrangement might also be centred on the 'Stormont brake', an emergency measure that permits Northern Ireland's devolved government to quickly halt new EU laws from being imposed on the province – a measure that London retains the right to veto. Second, the U.K. and the EU will have to pass new legislation to implement some parts of the framework, especially the proposed regulations in areas such as regulation of trade in medicines, and checks on animals and plants. Ultimately, which EU rules will be accepted in Northern Ireland and which will not, depends on the balance of power between the Unionists and Republicans in the province. However, the Windsor framework certainly scores points as a pragmatic compromise with the EU.


A new deal to cool off trade disruptions
On February 27. the United Kingdom and the European Union struck a landmark agreement – the Windsor Framework – to replace the contentious Northern Ireland Protocol and end a bitter post-Brexit trade dispute
Lowering trade barriers
NORTHERN IRELAND
Green lane for U.K. goods – traders to complete single certificate per truck, rather than multiple forms per load
IRELAND
EU-destined goods go via red lane with full customs procedures
SCOTLAND
GREEN LANE
RED LANE
Irish Sea
ENGLAND
IRELAND (EU)
UNITED KINGDOM (non-EU)
WALES
CVRIA
European Court of Justice
The ECJ will continue to be the final arbiter on matters of EU law affecting Northern Ireland
Stormont Brake
A "veto" which decides whether amended EU laws will apply in Northern Ireland. It requires 30 members of the 90-member Northern Ireland Assembly to stop any new EU single market rules
European Commission: Insists ECJ will remain sole, ultimate arbiter of EU law and single market disputes
Taxation and state aid
The U.K. government is to set rules in areas such as value-added tax and state aid in Northern Ireland – rules rejected by the Commission in previous negotiations with the U.K.
VAT
Ending Protocol restrictions
Medicines: To be available throughout the U.K. – not possible under old Protocol
Plants: Previously banned plants like seed potatoes and other plant products will now ship to Northern Ireland
Pets: Barriers removed for owners, who can now take their pets into Northern Ireland
Sources: Bloomberg, Financial Times, Reuters, Politico
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THE GIST

- The United Kingdom and the European Union struck a deal on February 27 regarding post-Brexit trade rules for Northern Ireland with a view to remove the border between Britain and Northern Ireland running through the Irish Sea.
- After Brexit, the Northern Ireland Protocol was established to allow EU customs rules to apply in Northern Ireland so as to avoid a hard customs border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Northern Ireland would formally be outside the EU single market, yet EU rules on the free movement of goods and customs union would continue to apply. Yet it has led to tensions and disruptions to trade.
- The Windsor framework seeks to address these disruptions to trade between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K. caused by the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Combining social welfare and capital markets through SSE

How does Social Stock Exchange function? How will NPOs and FPOs raise funds through this exchange?

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

On February 22, the National Stock Exchange of India received the final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE).

What is a Social Stock Exchange?

The SSE would function as a separate segment within the existing stock exchange and help social enterprises raise funds from the public through its mechanism. It would serve as a medium for enterprises to seek finance for their social initiatives, acquire visibility and provide increased transparency about fund mobilisation and utilisation. Retail investors can only invest in securities offered by for-profit social enterprises (SEs) under the Main Board. In all other cases, only institutional investors and non-institutional investors can invest in securities issued by SEs.

What about eligibility?

Any non-profit organisation (NPO) or for-profit social enterprise (FPSEs) that establishes the primacy of social intent would be recognised as a social enterprise (SE), which will make it eligible to be registered or listed on the SSE.

The seventeen plausible criteria as listed under Regulations 292E of SEBI's ICDR (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 entail that enterprises must be serving to eradicate either hunger, poverty, malnutrition and inequality; promoting education, employability, equality, empowerment of women and LGBTQIA+ communities; working towards environmental sustainability; protection of national heritage and art or bridging the digital divide, among other things. At least 67% of their activities must be directed towards attaining the stated objective. Corporate foundations, political or religious organisations or activities, professional or trade associations, infrastructure and housing companies (except affordable housing) would not be identified as an SE.

How do NPOs raise money?

NPOs can raise money either through issuance of Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) Instruments from private placement or public issue, or donations from mutual funds. SEBI had earlier recognised that NPOs by their very nature have primacy of social impact and are non-revenue generating. Thus, there was a need to provide NPOs a direct access to securities market for raising funds. ZCZP bonds differ from conventional bonds in the sense that it entails zero coupon and no principal payment at maturity. The latter provisions a fixed interest (or repayment) on the funds raised through varied contractual agreement, whereas ZCZP would not provision any such return instead promising a social return.

It is mandatory that the NPO is registered with the SSE for facilitating the issuance. The instrument must have a specific tenure and can only be issued for a specific project or activity that is to be completed within a specified duration as mentioned in the fund-raising document (to be submitted to the SSE).

How do FPOs raise money?

For-Profit Enterprises (FPEs) need not register with social stock exchanges before it raises funds through SSE. However, it must comply with all provisions of the ICDR Regulations when raising through the SSE. It can raise money through issue of equity shares (on main board, SME platform or innovators growth platform of the stock exchange) or issuing equity shares to an Alternative Investment Fund including Social Impact Fund or issue of debt instruments.

What disclosures need to be made?

SEBI's regulations state that a social enterprise should submit an annual impact report in a prescribed format. The report must be audited by a social audit firm and has to be submitted within 90 days from the end of the financial year.

THE GIST

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Track patrolling intensified by security personnel after cases of stone pelting at Vande Bharat Express

Around 35 to 40 personnel from RPF and Government Railway Police are patrolling black spots in the city. This year, the RPF registered 21 cases in January and 13 in February. Pelting of stones at trains is a punishable criminal offence

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

After the recent incident of stone pelting on the Vande Bharat Express train in the city, authorities have intensified track patrolling at "black spots". The Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) have deployed 35 to 40 at several stretches and they keep vigil on unlawful activities for 12 hours.

Incidents of stone pelting are a matter of concern as it endangers the lives of the passengers travelling in the train and damages public property. This year, the RPF registered 21 cases in January and 13 in February.

On Friday, miscreants pelted stones at the moving Vande Bharat Express train between Krishnarajapuram and Bengaluru Cantonment, resulting in damages to two window panes.

Luckily, no passengers were injured. After the train returned to Chennai, the broken window panes were replaced and scheduled operation continued the next day. Sources said that replacing window panes cost more than ₹22,000.

Personnel of the Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police on patrolling duty following recent incidents pelting of stones at Vande Bharat Express in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Prior to Friday's incident, a minor incident of pelting stones at the same train was reported earlier.

Suggested pull out

In the city, the authorities have identified blackspots that include Lottegollahalli - Kodigehalli, Baiyappanahalli - Channasandra, Channasandra-Yelahanka, Chikkabanavara - Yesvantpur sections and also near Krishnarajapuram, Baiyyappanahalli, Tumakuru, Banaswadi, Carmelaram and Bengaluru Cantonment areas. A senior railway official said, "Along with the primary duty of providing security cover at major stations and doing vigilance works, we have taken up the task of track patrolling. These measures are taken to take action against those involved in stone pelting and educate people about protecting public properties."

"RPF and GRP are patrolling the tracks in several stretches. It is not an easy task. Our personnel are patrolling busy tracks and have to be extra careful about their safety as well. They walk miles to make sure that such incidents do not get repeated. Some even walk for a distance of 15 km. Their work also involves educating people living nearby, especially the youth. People who are involved in stone pelting are in the age group of 15 to 25," the official added, also mentioning that after intensified patrolling, no fresh cases were reported in the city.

Additional Divisional Manager of Bengaluru Division Kusuma Hariprasad said, "The people involved in pelting stones should realise that they are endangering the lives of people travelling in the train. The criminal act is punishable with life imprisonment or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten year. Through various forms of communication such as pamphlets, announcements , we are reaching out to people educating them not to indulge in such activities." The official said that service of track men are also being utilised for the purpose.

11-year-old boy spends two days with dead mother's body

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The R.T. Nagar police suspect that the woman died due to health complications

In a heart wrenching incident, an 11-year-old boy spent two days sleeping next to the body of his mother for two days without realising she was dead.

His mother, a 40-year-old speech-impaired woman working as a domestic help, breathed her last while sleeping at home. The R.T. Nagar police suspect that she died due to health complications and registered a case of unnatural death and are awaiting the post-mortem report.

According to the police, the deceased Annamma, and her son, were living at a rented house near Yellamma temple in Ganganagar after the death of her husband a few years ago. While Annamma used to go out to work at houses as domestic help, her son would go to school and come back late in the afternoon.

However, in the last two days, Annamma was unwell and did not go to work.

She was asleep and died eventually.

However, the son did not realise that his mother was dead and thought she was unwell and resting. He would eat from the neighbouring house and slept for two days next to the dead body.

The incident came to light when neighbours felt a foul smell emanating from the house and alerted the police. The boy had gone to school. The police unlocked the house and found the mother dead.

The police informed the relatives of Annamma, who came to the house while the boy also returned from school. The boy told the police that since Annamma could not speak and was unwell, he thought she was really tired and sleeping, the police said.

The boy is in the custody of his mother's brother as of now.

BBMP Budget to be presented today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of the Assembly elections, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will present its Budget for 2023-24 on Thursday.

BBMP Special Commissioner for Finance, Jayaram Raipura will present the Budget in the presence of BBMP Administrator Rakesh Singh and Chief Commissioner Tushir Giri Nath at 11.30 a.m.

Officials said that the outlay of the Budget is commensurate with the revenue generation and expenditure.

It also includes government grants that have already been announced in the State Budget recently.

This is the third year that the Budget is presented without the elected BBMP council. An official said that this year's budget will focus on various civic infrastructure, including storm water drains, roads, education, health, and various welfare works.

Last year, in an unprecedented move, the BBMP had uploaded the 2022-23 budget with an outlay of ₹10,484.28 crore on its website late night on March 31 barely an hour before the end of the 2021-22 financial year, after being postponed allegedly due to disagreements on the allocation of funds by a group of Ministers and MLAs.

In the recently presented State Budget, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP government in Karnataka has announced ₹9,698 crore-worth projects for the comprehensive development of Bengaluru city.

The BBMP Budget will be presented at Town Hall, while the general public can watch the live broadcast of the Budget on the official Youtube channel of the civic body. The budget will also be uploaded to the BBMP website, said officials.

V-P concerned over behaviour of elected representatives

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar and his wife during the birth centenary celebrations of founder-president of Gokula Education Foundation M.S. Ramaiah in Bengaluru on Wednesday. PTI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar expressed concern over the behaviour of elected representatives in the temple of democracy and called upon the youth to protest against such attitudes of the public representatives.

Speaking at the birth centenary celebrations of M.S. Ramaiah, the founder-president of Gokula Education Foundation, on Wednesday, he said, "It is the responsibility of the public representatives to formulate policies that are conducive to the bright future of the country."

"Crores of rupees are spent for every minute of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha session. However, it is sad that in recent times there is only noise, holding placards, shouting slogans and protests are going on in wells. Seeing all these, people have surrendered to silence, which is still a worrying factor," he said.

"After independence, the Constitution committee met for a long three years. There were many challenges before that committee including constitution making. Yet there was not a single protest, rising slogan and no noise was made. Discussions and interactions took place without any hindrance. Therefore, our public representative should follow this path," he added.

The Vice-President also praised the Ramaiah Group of Institutions as an iconic educational institution that has been inspiring generations of students with Ramaiah's vision and legacy.

Thaawarchand Gehlot, Governor of Karnataka, said, "Dr. Ramaiah was a visionary who believed that education was the key to a better future."

J.C. Madhuswamy, Minister of Law & Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. M.R. Jayaram, Chairman, Gokula Education Foundation, M.R. Seetharam, Vice-Chairman of the Foundation, M.R. Ramaiah, Secretary and others were present.

Akasa Air set to become second largest airline

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Akasa Air will become the second largest domestic airline operating out of Bengaluru by the end of June.

Vinay Dube, founder and chief executive officer of Akasa Air, which completed six months of operations, said that at present the airline is operating 36 departures from Bengaluru and by the end of June it will become the second largest domestic carrier out of Bengaluru.

"Bengaluru being our first home is special in many ways and we are proud of the growing connectivity we are able to offer from the city. By midsummer, our forecast is to become the second largest domestic airline in Bengaluru," said Mr. Dube.

The airline has flown a total of 0.5 million passengers from the city, which contributes to 35 per cent of the total number of passengers flown across its network to date. The airline currently connects Bengaluru to 13 destinations across the country. Akasa Air would also be setting up a learning academy in Bengaluru.

Mr. Dube said that Akasa Air would be expanding its fleet and by the end of the year would place an order for a fleet of aircraft in three digits. There would be a requirement of 3,500 pilots in the next decade and in the next 12 months the airline would hire 300 pilots.

Mr. Dube added that the airline plans to launch its first international flight by the end of the year.

Akasa Air, which is one of the two domestic carriers in the country to allow passengers the option to travel with pets in the cabin and also carry them in the cargo compartment, said that since the fly with pet scheme was introduced in October last year, over 400 pets have been flown by it.

Chain snatcher arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chandra Layout police on Tuesday arrested a 23-year-old youth and recovered a gold chain worth ₹3 lakh which he had robbed from a homemaker on February 6.

The accused Darshan Thimmashetty had approached the victim who was cleaning in front of her house and on the pretext of enquiring an address, snatched her gold chain and escaped.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Smt.Naganjana Devi w/o Srinivasa Reddy** to bring the notice of the general public that the following **original deeds and documents** are missing / lost/ misplaced, as

1.Sale deed Doc No.6720/1993-94, & 2.Sale deed Doc No.25493/2005-06, & 3.Sale deed Doc.No.267/2009-10, & 4.Betterment receipt dt.07.06.2010, 5.Katha certificate issued by BBMP, dt.06.04.2011 and 6.Katha certificate issued by BBMP dt.08.04.2011, 7.BBMP Tax paid receipt for the year 2011-12, AND 8.Approved construction plan, dt.06.06.2011, 9.ECs from 01.04.1990 to 24.07.2011 in respect of below schedule property. If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of residential property bearing **site No.24,** Katha No.82, situated at **Kodigehalli, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** now comes under the Limits of BBMP, Bangalore, measuring east to west 40ft & north to south 30ft, **total 1200 Sq.ft,** along with Ground & First floors and bounded by:

East by : Road, West by : Site No.23A, North by: Private Property, South by: Site No.23

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
M : 7760061073

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Mrs. M. CHAITRA, W/o. Mr. Deepak .S, intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owners Sri. RAJENDRA PATIL, S/o. Mr. Babagouda Patil, and his wife Smt. SHWETA ERANDOLE @SHWETA RAJENDRA PATIL Both are residing at No. Flat No. 703, J Block, Bren Avalon, Doddanekkundi Extenstion Area, Near Big Basket Godown, Chinnapanahalli Main Road Ferns Paradise, Bangalore -560048.

If any persons, banks, financial intuitions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 201, BBMP katha bearing Serial No. 1052, measuring 1100 Sq. Ft. of SBA in the Second Floor of "S. R. Enclave" constructed in the Site Nos. 29 & 30 formed in Sy. No. 206/2 Situated at Doddanekkundi Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on: East by :Pilla Reddy's Property, West by:House Site No. 31,North by : 15 Feet Road, South by : Site No. 35 & 36 belongs to Vendor.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
 # 96, 1 Floor, 1 Main, 4 Cross,
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BANGALORE, DATE : 01-03-2023

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BANGALORE 560029 (ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT) Ph:080-26995215

Ref. No.: NIMH/ENG/HOES/1642/2022-23 **Date: 28.02.2023**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Sealed "Expression of Interest" is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore from Architectural and Urban Design firms for awarding Preparation of a master plan and priority projects for NIMHANS campus, Bengaluru

Detailed scope of work can be down loaded from the website http://www.nimhans.ac.in/nimhans. The completed EOI shall be submitted on or before 15/03/2023 upto 03.00 pm.

All corrigendum/addendum/amendments/time extensions/clarification etc., for the EOI will be published on the above website only and will not be published in any other media. Bidders should regularly visit the above website to keep them updated.

***Sd/-*, Head of Engg Section**

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Call for Quotations

Sealed quotations are invited for **Printing of Forms, Registers and Fee Challans for the Academic Year 2023-24 for APS ASC Centre & College**. Call for Quotations (also uploaded on website **www.apsasc.edu.in** for reference) to be collected from school office after payment of ₹100/-(DD in favour APS ASC Centre & College) from 02 Mar 2023 to 22 Mar 2023 (1000hrs to 1300hrs). Last date to submit filled tender form is 23 Mar 2023 at 1130 AM.

Presiding Officer
For School Management

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Smt. Raksha R.P.** has lost the **Original VAT-C Forms** and **other documents** listed below.

Sl.No	Party Name	C-Form No.	Amount
1.	SRI BALAJEE MARKETING	CE/AP-362001235879504	47,328.00
2.	SRI BALAJEE MARKETING	CE/AP-362001235564568	49,776.00
3.	SRI BALAJEE MARKETING	CE/AP-362001236013229	55,488.00
4.	SRI BALAJEE MARKETING	CE/AP-362001236392849	55,182.00
5.	SRI BALAJEE MARKETING	CE/AP-362001238084333	94,605.00
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My client had also lodged a complaint **dated 28-02-2023** in this regard before the Bangalore City Police, vide **Lost Report No. 0486723/2023**. Inspite of the best efforts same could not be traced.

Therefore it is requested that the general public who ever may find the said original of the following documents or person in possession of the said original document to hand over the same to the undersigned **within one week** from the date of this publication.

P. Mahalinga Bhat & Srividya P.M
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANORMA Mishra, M/o Devendra Kumar Mishra R/o No.270 2nd Main road, New Binny Layout, Magadi road, Bengaluru-560023, have changed my name to Manorama Mishra vide affidavit dt: 28 Feb 23 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru

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Notice is hereby given to public at large for removal of the following 3 de-registered aircraft VT-KAE(MSN-737), VT-KAF(MSN-738), VT-DKA(MSN-718) – M-ABFI left abandoned at Chennai Airport long ago and call upon the current owners of these abandoned aircraft to settle all the applicable outstanding dues and remove them off the premises of Chennai Airport on or before **10.03.2023**.

For further details, please visit: **https://www.aai.aero/sites/default/files/aaiuploads/Public_notice_-_revised_-_27.2.2023.pdf**

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE X ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-26)
P & SC NO. 834 /2022

BETWEEN:
Dr. ShamitaMitraSaha
W/o. Sri.SandeepSaha
D/o Late Dr. Dipak Kumar Mitra
Aged about 49 years,
Residing at D-702, Sterling Residency, 5th Main, 7th Cross, RMV II Stage, Bangalore- 560 094 **PETITIONER**

AND:
Dr. ArpitaMitra,
Wife of Dr. Aravind Ram Mohan,
Aged about 48 years,
Residing at: #4600, Rexwood Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43230 USA
RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the above named petitioner has madea petition to this court under Section 276 of Indian Succession Act, for grant of probate in favour of the petitioner in respect of the Schedulementioned hereunder. The below mentioned Schedule was held byLate Dr. PallaviMitra,whopassed away on 27.09.2019, leaving behind her two daughters as her only legal heirs i.e., the Petitioner and the Respondent herein.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:

a) Allow the petition to prove the last Will and Testament dated 02.05.2003 and Codicil dated 25.09.2017 of Late PallaviMitra and the probate thereof may be granted to the petitioner's name Dr. ShamitaMitraSaha, the executrix to have effect throughout India: and

b) Grant such other and further relief as this Hon'ble Court may be deem fit in the circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice.

Interested parties are hereby named to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 20.03.2023 at 11 am to inform to show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as ex parte.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

Item No.1:
All the piece and parcel of House No. 25, Amrakunj Co-Operative Housing Society, Race Course Circle, Vadodara 390 023, measuring 7920 Sq. Feet.

Item No.2:
All the piece and parcel of Flat bearing No. 102, building A-2, Hermes Heritage Phase II and III, Yerawada, Pune 411 006, measuring 975 Sq. feet.

Item No. 3:
All the piece and parcel of Flat bearing No. 6, Block C, B wing, Ganga Park Society, Mundhwa, Pune, measuring 905 Sq. Feet.

Item No. 4:
All that piece and parcel of Plot No. 46/1, City Survey No. 1930, New Colony, Ward No. 60, Nagpur – 440001 measuring 4414 Sq. Feet.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

Telephone connection, shares in Limited Companies, Fixed Deposits in banks, Savings banks Accounts, Bonds, Public Provident Account, National Saving Scheme, Debentures, Postal Saving Schemes and other different types of Assets held in Pune and Bengaluru.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 25th day of February 2023

By order of the court,
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City Civil Court Bengaluru

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E-Tenders are invited for (https: //etenders.kerala.gov.in)
1.SUPPLY OF RECTIFIED SPIRIT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.2023 TO 31.03.2024 **(Tender ID 2023_TSC_561227_1 &, Last Date of Submission 10.03 .2023 at 2PM**
2.SHIFTING OF MS-DS TANKS AND REROUTING PIPE LINES **(Tender ID-2023_TSC_560941_1 & Last Date of Submission 10.03.2023 at 3 PM)**
3.SUPPLY OF CB CASES FOR THE PERIOD 01.04.2023 TO 31.03.2024 **(Tender ID- 2023_TSC_560982_1 & Last Date of Submission 10.03.2023 at 3PM).**
4.SUPPLY OF EXTRA NEUTRAL ALCOHOL (ENA) FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.2023 TO 30.06.2023. **(Tender ID- 2022_TSC_561179_1 & Last Date of Submission 10.03.2023 at 3 PM).**
5.SUPPLY OF PP CAPS FOR THE PERIOD 01.04.2023 TO 31.03.2024, **(Tender ID-2022_TSC_561202_1) & Last Date of Submission 10.03.2023 at 3 PM).**
For more details contact office/website.
Thiruvalla **(Sd)**
24.02.2023 **Company Secretary(i/c)**

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Notice Inviting Tender for providing Security Services

Sealed tenders are invited under two bid systems (Technical and Financial) from reputed security services with minimum of 3 years of experience in Hospitals / Medical Colleges to provide security services at CMC Vellore.

Eligible agencies interested to participate can collect tender forms from the Office of the General Superintendent, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Ida Scudder Road, Vellore from **6th to 10th March 2023** between 10 am and 12 noon along with a Demand Draft for **Rs.1000/-** drawn in favour of CMC Vellore Association. Sealed tender envelope to be submitted **on or before 22nd March 2023** before 3 pm and tender will be opened on the same date at 3.15 pm.

General Superintendent
CMC Vellore

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Bibi Ka Maqbara. ISTOCK

What's in a name? The journey from Aurangabad to Sambhaji Nagar

A nursery of history, it has been ruled by the eccentric Mohammed Bin Tughlaq of the Delhi Sultanate, Mughals and Marathas, and is also home to the famous Ajanta-Ellora caves, now a UNESCO heritage site

Ziya Us Salam

A little over a thousand kilometres from the Taj in Agra rests a son of Mumtaz Mahal in Aurangabad. Not quite a mother's darling, he failed to find his father's love too, losing out to his brother Dara Shukoh. Not that he did much to earn it, as the events from 1658 to 1666 prove when Shah Jahan was imprisoned at Agra. Actually, the man who lies buried in Khuldabad was his own man, doing his own thing his own way. Enigma to most, Aurangzeb is depicted in history books by some historians as a pious Muslim, and a bigot by many others. In reality, Aurangzeb, as Audrey Truschke writes in *Aurangzeb: The Man and the Myth*, organised his life as a ruler of Hindustan around a few key ideals and preoccupations. "He wanted to be a just king, a good Muslim, and a sustainer of Mughal culture and customs."

As a child, he had read the Koran and Hadith and was said to be fond of Rumi's Masnavi. Exposed to Persian translations of the Mahabharata and the Ramayana, he was fluent in Hindi and is credited with some Braj Bhasha compositions. Amidst works of piety and literary registers of Hindi, Aurangzeb, who would go on to earn a living knitting caps, found time to fall in love with Hirabai, a dancer and singer, in 1653. The romance lasted Hirabai Zainabadi's lifetime; her life ended a year later. She was buried in Aurangabad, not too far from Aurangzeb's simple maqbara (tomb). As for the emperor, given as he was to a Sufi streak, he was buried in the company of his spiritual preceptor. His tomb was to have no marble, no Persian tiles, no embellishment.

Open to the sky

The simplicity of Aurangzeb's tomb stems at least partially to his aversion to things his father did. As Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Shobita Punja and Toby Sinclair have written in the recently released, *A New History of India*, "Aurangzeb was critical of his father Shah Jahan's lavish lifestyle, the building of extravagant building projects, and that he inherited empty coffers. He chose to live in accordance with Islamic teaching and his simple grave stands in the dargah of Shaikh Burhan al-din in Khuldabad near Aurangabad. The grave, open to the canopy of the sky, has few embellishments, in direct contrast to the opulence of his father's final resting place in the Taj Mahal."

The emperor's simplicity and frugality did not come in the way of building a beautiful tomb for his wife, Dilras Banu Begum in Aurangabad in 1660. She was a constant presence in his life, since the time they got married in 1637 when Aurangzeb was a teenager.

Their long-lasting love and marriage fail to find similar enthusiasm from the common man and historians alike that they reserve for the tale of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz in Agra.

Begum's tomb or Bibi ka Maqbara is, as Mukherjee and his co-authors write, "though similar in plan to the Taj Mahal, is very different; it is half its size and looks more elongated, and it was covered, not in expensive marble, but in burnished stucco, that gives it a subtle sheen, thus introducing a new architectural style of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries."

For all the tales around these tombs, there is more, much more to Aurangabad, recently rechristened Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.

The choice of the new name is interesting. Sambhaji was Shivaji's son who was captured by Mughal forces in 1689. In his tussle with the emperor, he came out second best. Truschke writes, "Aurangzeb ordered Sambhaji, who had spent years fighting the Mughal state, along with his Brahmin adviser Kavi Kalash, to be publicly humiliated....He then had Sambhaji's eyes stabbed out with nails, and, in one historian's poetic words, 'his shoulders were lightened of the load of his head'." Interestingly, Aurangabad hosts the well-known Shivaji Museum which is an ode to the genius of the man who took on the mighty Mughal emperor with limited resources and astounding success.

Of kings and their follies

Much before the Mughals set foot here, there was a whimsical Sultan who not only came to Daulatabad or Deogir but also brought the entire population of Delhi along in 1327. He was Mohammed Bin Tughlaq, a Sultan so well meaning, also a king so married to eccentricity. Tired of threats of attacks on Delhi, he decided to shift his capital to safer Daulatabad, bag, baggage, nobles and commoners, all included.

As written by Barani, "This second project of Sultan Muhammad...was that of making Deogir his capital under the title of Daulatabad....Troops of the natives with their families and dependants, wives and children moved...Many from the toil of long journey, perished on the road." The Sultan realised his folly and ordered a march back to Delhi, resulting in more casualties. The fort in Daulatabad was the capital of the Yadava dynasty till the 14th century, and later became a part of the Ahmednagar Sultanate.

Aurangabad's history incorporates the Sultanate, Mughals and the Marathas, and goes back further in time – it is home to the famous Ajanta-Ellora caves, the former being 30 rock-cut Buddhist monuments from second century BC, the latter being the largest rock-cut Hindu temple, its hundred caves dating back to the Rashtrakuta and Yadava dynasties. The Ajanta-Ellora caves are UNESCO World Heritage Sites and turn the notion of the region being a Mughal-Maratha centrepiece on its head.

Indeed, Aurangabad or Sambhaji Nagar is a nursery of history.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Several readers want to know the meaning of the word 'pinjarpole'."

" 'Pinjarpole' is not an English word. You will not find it in any English dictionary. It is a Gujarati word. 'Pinjara' means 'a cage' and 'pole' means 'an enclosed yard'. A Pinjarpole is a place where maimed and useless animals are looked after. The word was used by some English administrators in the past and it came to be used by others also. However, the word does not find a place in any English dictionary."

"Mr. R. Srinivasan of Madras wants to know the meaning and pronunciation of the word 'syndrome'.

"Syndrome is 'a concurrence of symptoms that occur together and characterise particular (medical) abnormality, a set of concurrent emotions, actions, etc. that usually form an identifiable pattern'.

He is complaining about general weakness, indifference of his wife and children and the low moral standards of the younger generation. He must be suffering from the old age syndrome.

The word is pronounced 'sindroam'. 'Sin' rhymes with 'tin' and 'drome' with 'Rome' and foam'."

"Mr. V. K. Marate of Pune wants to know the meaning of the sentence 'He two-timed me'."

" 'To two-time' is slang which means 'to deceive, to double-cross, to be unfaithful to (a spouse or lover)'.

You can't two-time the police all the time. One day you will be caught.

A two-timer is one who is unfaithful or double-crosses.

He is a notorious two-timer.

He is an awful two-timing politician. Don't trust him."

"Mr. Y. Jayaramaiah of Tirupati wants to know the meaning of the idiom 'to steal someone's thunder'."

" 'To steal someone's thunder' means 'to anticipate somebody's words or acts thus lessening or destroying their effect'. You steal someone's thunder when you use his techniques or ideas.

At the conference, he stole everyone's thunder with his powerful speech.

Truman is no man to let Congress steal his political thunder.

John Dennis (1657-1734) an English playwright, developed a technique for producing thunder on the stage. His own play where he used this technique wasn't successful. When he heard that someone else had used his technique in a performance of *Macbeth*, he shouted, "Damn them! they will not let my play run, but they steal my thunder."

Published in The Hindu on December 12, 1986.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

D.H. Lawrence, the English writer was known for his works on modernity and social alienation. He died on this day, 93 years ago. Here is a quiz on the controversial writer

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

This is a 1913 novel by Lawrence that traces the emotional conflicts through the protagonist, Paul Morel, and his suffocating relationships with a demanding mother and two very different lovers. The book contains a frequently quoted use of the English dialect word which has a meaning 'unusually susceptible to cold weather'. Name the book and identify the word.

QUESTION 2

The first novel, published in 1915 follows three generations of the Brangwen family and the second one published in 1920 was a sequel to the first. Lawrence's treatment of sexual desire caused the first novel to be censored for 11 years and the second one to be banned. Name the books.

QUESTION 3

In 1964, the bookseller Ranjit Udeshi in Bombay was prosecuted under Section 292 of the IPC for selling an unexpurgated copy of one of Lawrence's books. Identify the book. What is the legal test for obscenity which was later mandated to determine if the book constitutes obscenity.

QUESTION 4

Corasmin and the Parrots, Walk to Huayapa, and The Mozo are some of the essays published in his collection of travel essays. What is the name of the collection of these essays?

QUESTION 5

This is a British biographical film about Lawrence and his wife Frieda, produced and directed by Christopher Miles. What is the name of the film?

Visual question:
Who painted this painting? What is it called?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The National park which translates to 'Serpent River' in the local language. **Ans: Nagarhole**
2. This National park inspired the setting for the *The Jungle Book.* **Ans: Pench National Park**
3. This park is named after a hunter-turned-conservationist. **Ans: Jim Corbett National Park**
4. The Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park is located in this State. **Ans: Telangana**
5. The largest designated Tiger Reserve in India. **Ans: Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve**
6. The Dachigam National Park is considered the last refuge of this endangered animal. **Ans: The Hangul**
7. How Silent Valley got its name. **Ans: Because of the perceived absence of noisy cicadas**
Visual: The name of the swamps and parks in the Lokatak Lake. **Ans: Phumdis and Keibul Lamjao**
Early Birds: Utkarsh| Anjali Thakur| Vivek Khaiwal Laparana| Dipankar Baidya| Jayadev Sai

Word of the day

Redolent:
noticeably odorous; having a strong pleasant odour

Synonyms: smelling, aromatic

Usage: *The old shop is redolent of the sweets we used to have in our childhood.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/redolentpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈrɛdələnt/

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Interim relief announced by State govt. expected to cost about ₹1,000 cr. a month

It could go up to ₹20,000 crore or even more annually when the full-fledged recommendations of the pay commission are implemented. The burden is expected to go up as about 3 lakh employees are in the local bodies, aided educational institutions and so on

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The interim relief of 17% under the 7th Pay Commission for State government employees, announced by the Government on Wednesday, has been estimated to cost the exchequer about ₹1,000 crore per month or about ₹12,000 crore annually. However, government sources say that the burden could go up to ₹20,000 crore or even more annually, when the full-fledged recommendations of the pay commission are implemented.

Government employees did not come to work at Yelahanka RTO as a sign of protest demanding salary hike on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The burden is expected to go up as about 3 lakh employees are in the local bodies, aided educational institutions and so on. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has repeatedly insisted that ₹6,000 crore has been earmarked in 2023-2024 for implementation of pay commission recommendation.

In 2022-23, the expenditure on salary and pension is estimated to be about ₹41,288 crore and ₹24,016 crore, respectively, which is about 21.7% and 12% of the State's total revenues. This is besides the grants in aid to meet salary and pension expenditure in aided educational institutions, local bodies and non-teaching staff in universities. State government employees constitute about 5.11 lakh employees and an estimated 3 lakh in other services.

Concerns expressed
The mid-term fiscal plan has also raised concerns over the increasing expenditure on salaries and pensions, and pointed out that general services bill of the budget that includes salary and pension has gone up to ₹81,820 crore in 2023-2024 from ₹31,265 crore in 2016-2017. In the election year, the State Government under pressure from the government employees, set up the 7th Pay Commission under the Chairmanship of former Chief Secretary Sudhakar Rao on November 19, 2022. The commission released a set of questionnaires on January 17, 2023. The pay commission has been asked to consider revision of pay scales of government employees, employees of aided educational institutions and local bodies, and non-teaching staff of universities. It has been specifically asked to examine the feasibility of adopting the Central pay structure. The previous revision of pay for employees came in July 2017 on the basis of the 6th Pay Commission recommendations, which were implemented in 2018 with monetary benefits effective from April 1, 2018.

In the election year
The sense of urgency shown by the State Government employees in organising the strike is closely linked to elections. With the date of election to be announced any time now, which kicks in the model code of conduct, employees saw their last chance before the government to exert pressure. "Once the model code of conduct comes in nothing can be done. This was the best opportunity to force the BJP government to announce the interim relief," an office bearer of Secretariat Employees Association said.

From Page One

Staff withdraw strike after govt. offers 17% interim relief

While the meeting on Tuesday with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and a host of Cabinet Ministers failed to make any headway, association president C.S. Shadakshari met Mr. Bommai early on Wednesday for further talks.

Mr. Bommai announced interim relief and the formation of the committee after this meeting. The employees withdrew the strike after an official order on 17 % interim relief and the setting up of the committee under the Additional Chief Secretary was handed over to them.

'Not fully satisfied'
"The strike has been withdrawn with immediate effect. We are happy but not fully satisfied since we had sought at least 25% interim relief. Considering the current circumstances and the limitation of the government, we have agreed to the offer," Mr. Shadakshari told presspersons after holding a consultation with association office-bearers.

The interim hike is also applicable to those receiving pension and family pension. The burden of the hike for employees and pensioners in local bodies and universities will be taken by respective local bodies and universities. With respect to the NPS, the committee will visit five States which have already scrapped the scheme and reverted to a defined pension scheme or the Old Pension Scheme to study feasibility. The committee has been asked to submit its report within two months.

Govt. offices were deserted for more than half a day; patients, students among those hit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Several people – including patients going to government hospitals, children headed to government schools and public visiting government offices – were impacted by the strike by Karnataka government employees on Wednesday. Though it was withdrawn by afternoon, some work resumed and some did not. All offices are expected to function as usual on Thursday.

Here is a look at what was hit and what was not:

One of the corridors of the Vidhana Soudha during the strike by government employees on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Empty State Secretariat
Even as the strike was called off in the morning, many employees skipped offices and remained at home, while a few attended office after lunch, sources said. Most temporary and contract staff were found working. In the morning, visitors to Vidhana Soudha, Vikasa Soudha or government offices in the adjoining M.S. Building went back disappointed. Housekeeping staff were seen cleaning the deserted Vidhana Soudha, making use of the opportunity.

Exam postponed
The class 10 preparatory examination and I PU annual exam were disrupted across the State. The teaching and non-teaching staff boycott classes and the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board postponed the examinations.

After the strike was called off, the KSEAB rescheduled Wednesday's class 10 preparatory exam to March 6 and I PU examination to the next day after completion of the last paper.

Students who went to schools and colleges were sent back home, while government universities remained open and held the semester examination. But, non-teaching staff were absent.

On the UAS campus, in the morning, non-teaching staff gathered outside the main building and resumed work after the strike was called off. Students said teaching staff did not take part in the strike and classes were conducted as usual.

Patients turned away
Healthcare services were partially hit in the first half. While all emergencies were attended to by doctors wearing black badges, some outpatient departments in general hospitals were hit. However, specialty hospitals such as Vani Vilas Maternity hospital and Institute of Nephro Urology functioned as usual.

Following withdrawal of the strike, all healthcare services in government hospitals became fully functional in the afternoon.

Manoj Kumar, Dean and director of Bowring and Lady Curzon Medical College Hospital, claimed services had not been hampered. "We have resumed full-fledged functioning. Our OPD is from 9-4 p.m. and patients are being attended to," he said. Ramesh Krishna, Medical Superintendent of Victoria Hospital also said services had not stopped. "Our doctors attended to patients wearing black badges," he said.

Garbage collection hit
Even after the strike was called off, many BBMP officials did not resume work. A senior BBMP official said only 20% of employees worked in the afternoon. Garbage collection was done from 6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. in all zones. Later, the collection was stopped. "The garbage collection resumed after the strike was called off. Hence, there were no issues," an official said.

The BBMP head office in NR Square remained closed as the staff participated in the strike.

No impact on buses
The strike call by government employees did not make any impact on bus and metro services. The managements had announced on Tuesday that the services would be operated as usual. However, those visiting RTOs had a tough time in the morning.

Employees' associations unhappy with decision to withdraw strike

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Cracks seem to have appeared among Government Employees' Associations after the indefinite strike was withdrawn on Wednesday. The Karnataka State Employees Association President C.S. Shadakshari has been blamed for "unilaterally" taking the decision to withdraw the strike despite the government not agreeing to their full demands.

Protesting government employees turn back elderly citizens who had come to the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Terming the withdrawal of strike as a "leadership failure", the NPS Government Employees Association President Shantharam said: "It had been decided that the strike will not be withdrawn till 40% fitment is given from July 1 , 2022 and the National Pension Scheme is rolled back. What we have got now is an interim relief from April 1, 2023 and another committee is formed." He said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has tried to wriggle out of the problem by setting another committee and bargaining for time.

Stating that the strike had been withdrawn unilaterally, the Secretariat Employees Association president Guruswamy said: "Instead of a minimum 25% interim relief, we have received 17 %. What we went for is not what we got."

The State Government SC/ST Employees Association President D. Chandrashekaraiah too was sceptical about the interim relief, and pointed out that the relief should have been since last year. "Mr. Shadakshari should have called all the associations for a meeting where decisions should have been taken democratically. When associations lent support for a strike call, it was a joint decision."

All Karnataka State Government Employees' Federation (AKSGEF) also expressed reservation about the withdrawal of the strike.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, MAR. 02	
RISE 06:35	SET 18:28
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FRIDAY, MAR. 03	
RISE 06:35	SET 18:29
RISE 15:13	SET 03:41
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Mysuru	33	14
Bengaluru	31	16

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31ºC The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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LPG price hike draws flak

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the price of commercial LPG cylinders was hiked by ₹351 on Wednesday representatives of Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers Association (BBHA) have decided to meet Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, in New Delhi on March 16.

P.C. Rao, president BBHA said that abnormally increasing the prices of LPG cylinders will affect the hospitality industry badly.

"Our earlier requests to reduce GST on commercial LPG from 18% to 5% is also not considered," he further said.

The hoteliers, however, said that there will be no increase in the prices of food items in hotels and restaurants for now.

Domestic cylinders
Apart from the commercial sector, an increase of ₹50 in the rate of domestic LPG cylinders has received flak from citizens.

"Now, it has become so that the prices of all commodities change every month. Last month, I paid ₹1055 for the cylinder and if this month I have to pay ₹1103, then my expenditure on all the other things such as groceries and vegetables will have to change accordingly," said V. M. Girija, a homemaker from Jalahalli.

"Usually, before elections they reduce prices, but this time they have increased the price of cylinder. Even an increase of ₹50 can affect a home runner's budget. It looks like the government does not care about the burdens of middle class and lower middle-class citizens," said Prakash Santhanam, a resident of R.T. Nagar.

Opposition lashes out
Leaders of the Opposition parties also criticised the government for increasing the prices of LPG cylinder when there is inflation of prices of all essential commodities.

"Closing down Indira Canteens, cutting down Anna Bhagya rice and now increasing cylinder prices will have adverse impact on addressing hunger issue and malnutrition. India's hunger index has worsened since Narendra Modi government came to power," said Congress leader and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

JD(S) takes to Twitter
The JD(S) also took to Twitter to condemn the price hike in a series of tweets: "The heat of inflation will again make the people of the country suffer. Shocking news has been reported that there has been an increase of ₹50 for cooking gas cylinders for domestic use and ₹350.50 for commercial cylinders. When the country's economy is in trouble, how is it right to burn a hole in people's pockets?"

Railway Police trace bag containing jewels

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In swift action, the Mangaluru Railway Police tracked down a trolley bag containing gold and diamond valuables worth ₹8.5 lakh belonging to an elderly couple which had slipped from the moving train and fallen on the track on Monday.

The complainant, Ravindra M. Shetty, 74, and his wife Shashikala Shetty, 64, were coming to Mangaluru from Mumbai in Matsyagandha express for medical treatment.

While the train was approaching Mangaluru city, the couple started getting their luggage near the door. In the melee, a trolley bag containing gold and diamond valuables slipped through the door and fell on the track while the couple was busy fetching the other bags.

Soon after reaching the station, the couple realised the trolley bag containing valuables was missing and reported to the railway police. Inspector Mohan Kottari gathered the details and on suspicion that it could have fallen off the train, prepared a team and dispatched it to search the track till Suratkal station, where the bag was seen last. Mr. Kottari also roped in RPF and railway employees to check the track. After six kilometres of search, a railway employee found the bag by the side of the track on the same day and informed the police. The police obtained the picture and contacted Ravindra Shetty to confirm the description of the bag. After confirmation, the couple was called to the station and opened the bag to find the valuables were intact and handed over the bag.

ED files prosecution complaint against Injaz International, partners

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) filed a prosecution complaint before the Special Court in Bengaluru against Injaz International and its partners, Misbahuddin S. and Suhail Ahmed Sheriff under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

According to an official release, the case pertains to defrauding people by luring them to invest in a "Halal" Investment Scheme offered by the firm by promising high returns and failing to repay the returns and principal amount invested by the depositors. ED had initiated a money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Wilson Garden Police Station against Injaz International and its associated group under various sections of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978, Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Chit Funds Act, 1982.

Investigation by ED revealed that Injaz International was neither able to keep up with the returns owed to its investors against the investments made by them, nor was it able to repay the amounts already invested with it.

Further investigation revealed that Misbahuddin S. and Suhail Ahmed Sheriff had diverted funds to the extent of ₹81 Crore into the purchase of immovable properties and other business entities operated by them as well as their associates and thereby, generated proceeds of crime more than ₹50 crore, said the release.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No:EE/PWD/KD/TS-4/Tender Notification/2022-23/ 9239 Date: 20.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender for the 04 work under KKRDB Micro Head of account and 01 works under 2059 Head of account through e-portal Indent No. 163917,163518, 165538,163624 and 166152, 2) Estimated Cost: **Min Rs, 47.07 Lakhs, Max. Rs. 306.62 Lakhs,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class I, 4) Tender fees and EMD details: Application fees as per e-procurement EMD Min Rs, 95000.00 Max. Rs, 460000.00, 5) Date of Pre-Bid meeting : **07/03/2023 (11.00 Hrs),** 6) Last date for queries : **08/03/2023 (17.30 Hrs)**, 7) Last date for submission of tender: **09/03/2023 (16.00 Hrs)**, 8) Date of opening of Technical Bid : **10/03/2023 (16.30 Hrs),** 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **13/03/2023 (16.30 Hrs),** 10) Address for Enquiries & Clarifications: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) website : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Division Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1388/MC&A/2022-23

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No. CESCL/GM/AGM(P)/AGM(P)-1/2022-23/24989 Date: 27.02.2023

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION

(E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation is inviting e-Auction bidding from eligible bidders for the sale and disposal of various scrap items on **'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS'** in various stores of CESC jurisdiction. The store details are as below;

Sl. No.	Division	Contact No. of Store Officer	Sl. No.	Division	Contact No. of Store Officer
1	N.R.Mohalla	9448994715	10	Sakaleshpura	9480810365
2	V.V.Mohalla	9448994842	11	Holenarasipura	9449598598
3	Nanjangudu	9448994718	12	Channarayapattana	9449598520
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5	K.R.Nagara	9448283391	14	Mandya	8277889833
6	Madikeri	9449598541	15	Madduru	9449598525
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8	Chamarajanagara	9449598542	17	K.R.Pete	8277883811
9	Hassan	9449598597	18	Nagamangala	9480816902

The details of quantity etc., and regarding participation date & time of e-auction can be obtained through e-procurement portal **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 02-03-2023.** For clarification regarding e-portal please contact help desk 080-46010000/22631200 or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

Sd/-
General Manager (Procurement),
CESC, Mysuru

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Deputy Commissioner Office (District Urban Development Cell) Haveri District Haveri-581110

Telephone No: 08375-249097 e-mail: dc_haveri@yahoo.co.in

No:Mun04/CMANSP3/TMC-63/1/2022-23 Dated: 27-02-2023

E-Procurement Short Term Re Tender Notification

Inviting Item wise two cover tender is called for the mentioned Indent No (DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK INDENT 143769/Call-2 TMC Savanur estimate cost value of **Rs. 84.06 Lakhs** under 2022-23 Nagarothanä Phase 3 Savings amount work.. As per Karnataka Transperency Procurement Port Act 2000, Modification Act 2021.

All the terms and conditions As per (KW-3) pertaining to this tender shall be viewed in the Website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for further clarifications please contact District Urbon Development Cell Haveri.

Sd/- Project Director
DUDC Haveri

DIPR/HAVERI/583/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Department Mangaluru Division Mangaluru

Ref : PW:DIV:MAG:TND(83E/21E):2022-23:JE2: Dated:28.02.2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION / 2nd Call /CORRIGENDUM

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under E-tendering in http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in portal from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTTP Act for **2nd Call** Indent No: 152840 **Under the Head Of Account: 5054-04-337-0-01-154 District and Other Roads Improvements. Last date for reciept of above tender: 09.03.2023 upto 16.00 Hours.**

Corrigendum for Indent No 165890 instead of 165430 And Indent No. 166184 instead of 165310 at this office tender refference Notification No: TND (83E/81E/78E/47E/21E)2022-23:JE-2Dated: 24.02.2023. **Under the Head Of Account: 3054-03-102-0-01-200 SH Bridge Maintenance**.

In the above Work Highest Cost of Estimate is Rs.80.00 Lakhs & Lowest Cost of Estimate is Rs.20.00 Lakhs. Any Change in dates of events and value of work put to tender and EMD amount etc only can been seen from e -portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer

DIPR/MNG/KSMCA/1423/22-23 dt.01.03.2023

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Tender Notification No.: 50/22-23 Date: 27.02.2023

In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors through e-proc for construction of Smt. Indira Gandhi Residential School in Baluru Village, Mudigere Taluk coming under Public Works Department of Chikkamagaluru District of Approx. Amount Rs. 1800.00 lakhs (Amount put to Tender Rs. 1372.00 lakhs). Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Tender should be submitted for this work on: 07.03.2023 within 4.00 PM. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department,
Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.291/mca/22-23/2020

City Corporation Office, Davanagere.

No.: DCC:EE3:E.Tender:16:2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023

Tender Notice (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Executive Engineer (Electrical) invites Tender in single/double cover system through e-procurement portal for 01 work Electrical Work (Re Tender) – under 15th Finance Commission General Basic Fund for the year 2022-23 and 01 No. Computer Supply Tender – under General Fund 24.10% for the year 2022-23. Eligible Contractors/Agencies/Suppliers can participate through e-procurement portal website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Further details can be obtained by visiting the Electrical Section of the Mahanagara Palike during office hours. Information can be obtained from help line no. of Mahanagara Palike: 08192 234444.

Note: 1) If there is any change in the approx. amount mentioned against the above work and the amount put to Tender the Tender Amount mentioned in the Tender Document is final. 2) If there are any changes in the below mentioned dates they should be viewed in e-procurement portal and any notification will not be issued. Last date and time for obtaining information regarding the tender: 10.03.2023, 16.30 hrs. Last date and time for submission of tender: 13.03.2023, 17.30 hrs. Date and time of opening Technical Bid of Tender: 14.03.2023 after 17.30 hrs. Date and time of opening Financial Bid of Tender: 15.03.2023 after 10.30 hrs.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer (E)
City Corporation, Davanagere

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase the Schedule Property from **Mr.G.SHIVANADA** who is an absolute owner through a Sale Deed which was registered vide **Doc No. BNS-1-07158-2016-17 stored in CD No. BNSD487 dated 29.08.2016** at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Banasawadi, Bangalore.

Any person/s banks, financial institutions, claiming an interest in the said property or against the Owner, are hereby required to register their claims / objections in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within 10-days from 02.03.2023, failing which the said sale will be completed very next day. Any objections / claims received thereafter will not be entertained / binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 107, formed in **Property No. 27,** situated at Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bengaluru, **measuring East-West: (94'+77 1/2)/2 feet and North-South: 40 feet, in all measuring 3432 Square feet** and bounded on:- **East by:** 30 feet Road **West by:** Private Property **North by:** Remaining portion of same Property **South by:** Site No. 106.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public and to whomsoever it may concern that my client is intending to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from Sri. E.R.G. Madhan Mohan, the present owner who have represented that he has a clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claims any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within fifteen (15) days hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

Schedule Property: All that piece and parcel of multistoried building consisting of stilt, ground, first and second floor constructed in the land measuring 980 Sq.Ft. at Site.No.297, BBMP Katha No.297 (BDA approved layout named as Royal County, 8th phase J.P. Nagar, Bangalore) at Kothannur Village, Utharahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and is bounded on:

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BUILDINGS (C&M) CIRCLE, THANJAVUR -1

Short Term Tender Notice No.25/2022-23/ SE / Buildings (C & M) Circle/ Thanjavur-1, Dated: .24.02.2023

FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM / ITEM WISE RATE TENDER (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, the Superintending Engineer PWD, Buildings (C & M) Circle, Thanjavur-1, invites sealed tender cover for the following works at their Office up to **3.00 PM** on **17.03.2023.** The tenders received will be opened at **3.30 PM** on the same day.

Sl NO	Name of Work	Approx. value of work in Lakhs (including GST @ 18%)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees)	Tender Schedule available date	Period of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Construction of Integrated Cancer Care Centre at Thanjavur Medical College and Hospital in **Thanjavur** district	3564.63	17,95,000/-	From 02.03.2023 to 16.03.2023 Upto 5.45 PM	20 Months

1) Tender Documents can be downloaded at free of cost from the following websites www.tenders.tn.gov.in.
2) The tender Documents can also be obtained directly from the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings Construction and maintenance Circle, Thanjavur -1 by remitting the requisite cost Rs.15,000/- + GST Rs.2,700 /- through Bank Chalan during office.
3) The officer in favour of the EMD should be remitted to Executive Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Division, **Thanjavur**
4) Minimum Eligibility of the Contractors: **Class IA** contractors Registered in Tamil Nadu PWD (Above Rs.25.00 Crore)
5) If the tender date **(17.03.2023)** is declared as a holiday by the Government , the tenders will be received and opened on the next working day at the same hours.
6) Price Adjustment Clause is applicable for the above work
7) If any changes will occur it will be informed in the above website
8) The applicants are cautioned that the Qualification application containing any deviation from the contractual, specification or other requirements will be rejected as non-responsive and low performance reliability.
9) The Evidences on the minimum qualification criteria mentioned in the Pre Qualification Application from Sl.No.1 to 6 should be furnished in Cover -1 without any omissions at the time of submission of Pre qualification tender itself. Any Omission in this regard will be summarily rejected.
10) Any Clarification will be entertained during office hours on all working days at the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings Construction and maintenance Circle, Gandhiji Salai, MLA Office Campus, Thanjavur -1 Telephone: No.04362 273213

Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.
Buildings (C&M) Circle, Thanjavur-1

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No. 120 / OPID Date : 28.02.2023

This is for information of general public that in compliance of the order of Hon'ble Designated Court, Cuttack steps are being taken for sale through public auction of the properties attached by the Govt. of Odisha in Finance Department. Name of the company and location of properties are shown below. The intending buyers may visit e-commerce website of MSTC Ltd. **www.mstcecommerce.com** (e-auction No MSTC /BBR/ADM And Competent Authority Cuttack/1/Cuttack/22-23/41995 [368429]) (for landed properties) and (e-auction No MSTC/BBR/ADM And Competent Authority Cuttack/2/Cuttack/22-23/41997 [368431]) (for Vehicle) to get details of the properties for sale, upset prices, terms and conditions for auction etc. The e-auction will be conducted from **12.00 Noon to 04.30 P.M on 24.03.2023**. Buyers can participate in e-auction as per the above schedule on getting registered on the e-commerce website of MSTC Ltd. The authority reserves the right to cancel the e-auction at any point of time without assigning any reason thereof.

For Landed Properties

Name of the Company	Location of Property (District / Tahasil)
M/s Golden Land Developers Group of Companies	Ganjam / Chatrapur
M/s Astha Group of Companies	Ganjam / Chatrapur
M/s Safex Infra India Ltd.	Ganjam / Chatrapur
M/s Land India Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. an Land India Assets Ltd.	Ganjam / Konisi
M/s AB Real Tech Service Ltd.	Puri / Pipili

For Vehicle

Name of the Company	Location of Property (District / Police Station)
M/s Vista Management Service Pvt. Ltd.	Kalahandi / Jaipatna

Additional District Magistrate &
Competent Authority, Cuttack

F-479 : OIPR-24342/11/0006/2223

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered agencies for the following works.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender EMD(In Rs.)	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.					
1	North West - 2	BWSSB/EENW-2/TO/PB/2423/ 2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023	Rs. 63,51,297/- Rs. 1,27,100/-	09.03.2023 upto 4:00 p.m.	10.03.2023 after 4:30 p.m.
2		BWSSB/EENW-2/TO/PB/2423/ 2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023	Rs. 55,10,206/- Rs. 1,10,300/-		
Sd/- Executive Engineer(North West -2).					
3	West - 2	BWSSB/EE(W-2)/PB/2299/ 2022-23 Date: 28.02.2023	Rs. 19,45,917/- Rs. 48,700/-	09.03.2023 upto 3:00 p.m.	13.03.2023 after 3:00 p.m.
Sd/- Executive Engineer(West -2).					
4	West - 1	BWSSB/EEW-1/PB/2956/ 2022-23 Date: 24.02.2023	Rs. 16,21,750/- Rs. 40,600/-	09.03.2023 upto 4:00 p.m.	10.03.2023 after 4:30 p.m.
Sd/- Executive Engineer(West -1).					
Office of the Chief Engineer (Design & Quality Assurance), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.					
5	Design - Civil & Building Maintenance	BWSSB/EE(DC&BM)/PB/3738/ 2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023	Rs. 23,97,302/- Rs. 47,946/-	09.03.2023 upto 4:00 p.m.	10.03.2023 after 4:01 p.m.
6		BWSSB/EE(DC&BM)/PB/3740/ 2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023	Rs. 23,97,302/- Rs. 47,946/-		
7		BWSSB/EE(DC&BM)/PB/3742/ 2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023	Rs. 23,97,302/- Rs. 47,946/-		
Sd/- Executive Engineer(DC & BM).					
8	Quality Assurance	BWSSB/EQATE/PB/1242/ 2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023	Rs. 23,72,664/- Rs. 47,500/-	20.03.2023 upto 5:30 p.m.	22.03.2023 at 12:00 Noon
Sd/- Executive Engineer(Quality Assurance).					
9	MIS	BWSSB/EMS/TE/MS1/AE/375/ 2022-23 Date: 01.03.2023(Call-2)	Rs. 29,16,000/- Rs. 58,320/-	09.03.2023 upto 3:00 p.m.	10.03.2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Sd/- Executive Engineer(MIS).					
Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.					
10	South East-2	BWSSB/EE(SE-2)/TO/PB/3795/ 2022-23 Date: 28.02.2023	Rs. 25,50,000/- Rs. 51,000/-	17.03.2023 upto 4:00 p.m.	20.03.2023 after 4:30 p.m.
Sd/- Executive Engineer(South East -2).					
Office of the Chief Engineer (North), 2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.					
11	North-1	BWSSB/ENTE/TO/AE-1/2686/ 2022-23 Date: 22.02.2023	Rs. 52,54,248/- Rs. 1,06,000/-	09.03.2023 upto 3:00 p.m.	10.03.2023 after 4:00 p.m.
12		BWSSB/ENTE/TO/AE-1/2688/ 2022-23 Date: 22.02.2023	Rs. 31,50,057/- Rs. 79,000/-		
Sd/- Executive Engineer(North-1).					
Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.					
13	WWM-STP V.Valley	BWSSB/EE(WWM-STP)V.V/PB/667/ 2022-23 Date: 23.02.2023	Rs. 8,22,809/- Rs. 24,300/-	16.03.2023 upto 5:30 p.m.	18.03.2023 after 4:00 p.m.
Sd/- Executive Engineer(WWM-STP)V.V.					
14	WWM-N V.Valley	BWSSB/EE(WWM-Network)-V.V/PB/ 1406/2022-23 Date: 24.02.2023	Rs. 26.19 Lakhs Rs. 61,900/-	09.03.2023 upto 5:30 p.m.	13.03.2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Sd/- Executive Engineer(WWM-Network)-V.V.					
Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-East), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.					
15	WWM-STP K&T Valley	BWSSB/EE(WWM-STP)K&T/494/ 2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023	Rs. 4,94,121/- Rs. 14,576/-	08.03.2023 upto 4:00 p.m.	10.03.2023 at 4:05 p.m.
16		BWSSB/EE(WWM-STP)K&T/496/ 2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023	Rs. 4,73,781/- Rs. 11,844.52		
Sd/- Executive Engineer(WWM-STP)K&T Valley.					

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/RA/5010/2022-23

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No	Total
1	SE/Transmission-II	T-2283	1
2	CE/TP/Trichy	E-40	1
3	CE/TP/Chennai	135	1

For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening ,viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit website **www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in,www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம் DIPR / 1237 / TENDER / 2023

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No	Total
		-	
	Due date Extension		
1	CE/MTPS-1/Mettur Dam	570	1

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites, **www.tangedco.gov.in. www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app,**

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MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka undertaking)
O&M Zone, 'Vidyuth Bhavan', M.R.S., Shivamogga - 577 203.
Phone: 08182-220445, 220446 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

Ref No: CEE/SZ/SMG/EE(C)/AE(C)/F-Tenders/2022-23/CYS-84 Dated: 16.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Mode Only)

MESCOM invites tenders through e-procurement mode only from the Registered KPWD contractors having EPF, ESI, GST and Labour department Registration for civil works bearing Indent No. **2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 & 2028.**

For detailed information and to participate in the tender through e-procurement mode please access the tendering website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after **03.03.2023.** Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele.) O&M Zone, Shivamogga

For Power Related Complaints and Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mr. PRAVIN KUMAR .K** , resident of # 327, Asset Elvira, Sy.No.5/1, Gopasandra, Muthanallur, Bangalore - 560099, intends to purchase schedule property from **M/s. PENINSULA INFRA DEVELOPMENTS PVT LTD.,** having its Office at No. 127, 3rd Cross, 13th Main, Bank Officers Co-operative Housing Society, AICOBO Nagar, 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru - 560029. Represent by its Director Sri. RAMESH .L, Any person, claiming to have any charge, lien, interest minor, claims, right/s whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge their claim to the undersigned with documentary proof on or before 08/03/2023 failing which my clients will treat that there are no objections or claims in respect of the schedule property no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Villa No. 33 B, in the Project known as **PENINSULA PARK ELITE Phase-III** to be constructed on Survey No. 30/1 & 32/2, measuring 1500 Sq ft, measuring super build up area of 1740 Sq ft, situated at : Mahal Chowdadenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on :-

East by : 3M Pathway, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 34B, **South by :** Site No. 32B.

V. Srinivas, Advocate
1, Sy.No. 89/2, Thulasi Theatre Road,
Near SBR Palace, Marathahalli,
Bengaluru - 560 037. Mobile: 9243110037
E-mail: vsradvocate37@gmail.com
Date: 01/03/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mr. RAMESHKUMAR MANI,** resident of # B-603, Saiven Siesta, Chambenahalli, Sarjapur Main Road, Bangalore - 562125., intends to purchase schedule property from **M/s. PENINSULA INFRA DEVELOPMENTS PVT LTD.,** having its Office at No. 127, 3rd Cross, 13th Main, Bank Officers Co-operative Housing Society, AICOBO Nagar, 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru - 560029. Represent by its Director Sri. RAMESH .L, Any person, claiming to have any charge, lien, interest minor, claims, right/s whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge their claim to the undersigned with documentary proof on or before 08/03/2023 failing which my clients will treat that there are no objections or claims in respect of the schedule property no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Villa No. 23 B, in the Project known as **PENINSULA PARK ELITE Phase-III** to be constructed on Survey No. 45/2, measuring 1200 Sq ft, situated at : Mahal Chowdadenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on :-

East by : Site No. 12B, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 22B, **South by :** 3M Pathway.

V. Srinivas, Advocate
1, Sy.No. 89/2, Thulasi Theatre Road,
Near SBR Palace, Marathahalli,
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Date: 01/03/2023

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Road Infrastructure - TEC Division, BBMP, Bengaluru-560002.

No: EE/RI/TEC/TEND/28/2022-23 Date: 01-03-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Government of Karnataka, vide G.O.No. UDD 70 MNY 2021, Bengaluru, Dated: 17-12-2022 has accorded in Principle Approval and Sanctioned Budget for taking up of the works listed below.

The Executive Engineer (Road Infrastructure - TEC Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of Works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Crores)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	**Improvements to Drains, Footpath and Asphalting to Selected High Density Corridor- Package No.01 at a)** Bellary Road from Chalukya Circle to Hebbala. **b)** Outer Ring Road from Gorguntepalya Junction to K.R. Puram	73.90	73.90

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Documents may be Downloaded from the GOK e- Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 02-03-2023. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries is **09-03-2023 upto 15.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - TEC, BBMP. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **09-03-2023 at 16.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Road Infrastructure. 4)** Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 16-03-2023. 5)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **18-03-2023 at 16.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Road Infrastructure - TEC, BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Road Infrastructure -TEC Division, BBMP.

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-procurement Portal Only)

No.: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-1/22-23/7153-54 Dated: 01.03.2023

KPTCL invites bids for the following works.

1. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Mys/GCW/613 Date: 04.02.2023** for Augmentation of existing Capacitor bank-1 from 1x2.9MVAR to 1x5.8MVAR connected to 1x20MVA Power transformers at 66/11kV Bannur Sub-station of TL&SS Division, Hootagally on PTK Basis.

2. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Mys/GCW/612 Date: 04.02.2023** for Augmentation of existing Capacitor bank from 2x2.9MVAR to 2x5.8MVAR connected to 2 x20MVA power transformers at 66/11kV T.Narasipura MUSS of TL&SS Division, Hootagally on TTK Basis.

3. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Mys/GCB/610 Date: 04.02.2023** for Replacement of 66kV class Alstom make circuit breaker of 66/11kV, 12.5MVA TR-2 at 66/11kV Periyapattana MUSS on TTK Basis - **Reserved for SC Category.**

4. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Mys/GCB/609 Date: 04.02.2023.** Replacement of Obsolete 2 Nos. of 66kV class AREVA Make breakers of Transformer 1 & 2 at 66/11kV Madikeri Sub-station, TL& SS Division, Hootagally, Mysuru on TTK basis - **Reserved for ST Category.**

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** on or after **04.03.2023.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission(W&M)Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, 'Prasarana Bhavana',
N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru - 570 007.

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Scientists develop comprehensive 3D thermophysical model for the moon

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Scientists from the Physical Research Laboratory, a unit of the Department of Space, have built a comprehensive three-dimensional thermophysical model for the moon to derive its surface and sub-surface temperatures.

According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), this model will help understanding the local thermal environment of any location on the moon which is an essential aspect for future human exploration and lunar habitat. "Importantly, this work gains significance in view of the recent renewed interest in lunar exploration and planned attempts to send humans back to the moon," ISRO said.

A unique feature of this model is its ability to account for lateral heat transport in three dimensions by utilising the actual topography of any location on the moon to compute its realistic surface and subsurface temperatures at any scale (from few cms to several kms.)

ISRO said that such a model is a novel one. "Such a model is not available till date. The model considers all plausible conditions and parameters to derive the temperatures and thermophysical parameters of the lunar surface and subsurface to represent the most realistic scenario," ISRO said.

The model results compare well with laboratory experiments and are validated using Apollo in-situ measurements.

ISRO added that this work has several applications both for lunar science and exploration aspects. To list a few, it can be used to constrain the nature of the outermost porous/dust layer.

FORM No. STK - 6

PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, KARNATAKA
'E' WING, II FLOOR, KENDRIYA SADAN, KORAMANGALA, BANGALORE - 560 034

Public Notice No /STK-6 NOTICE /2023 **Date: 01.03.2023**

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of companies under section 248 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of :

SL	COMPANY NAME	CIN
1	MASSELIN SPRINGS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	U28939KA2014FTC074092
2	ATCON IMEX PRIVATE LIMITED	U51102KA2012PTC066187
3	MICRO POWER ELECTRONICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U33111KA1983PTC005379
4	PRENALYS TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74995KA2019PTC124076
5	ALVOFF TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U52100KA2015PTC084448
6	THRUSTO TALENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC095094
7	KK SOFTWARE GLOBAL IT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2016PTC093103
8	MAXDATA ANALYTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72100KA2012PTC062473
9	DAYA DIMENSI INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015FTC080265
10	DIGITAL CHOCOLATE IT AND GAMING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2005PTC035837
11	CONCUR GLOBAL ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2015PTC093858
12	IARTH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC138970
13	VIVRITI EDU MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U80101KA2008PTC048316
14	AVENUE LOGISTICS AND WAREHOUSE PRIVATE LIMITED	U63040KA2021PTC145805
15	WISE TECHNO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC137346
16	KANMANI DIGITAL MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC097850
17	SREE VANI VIDYALAYA PRIVATE LIMITED	U80902KA2018PTC119613
18	EGBG INDIA CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2016PTC086447
19	ASLISAMPATTI PRIVATE LIMITED	U70109KA2019PTC128415
20	AARIVU WEALTH ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U67200KA2019PTC124314
21	ASPA LAMPS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	U31504KA1994PTC016427
22	HARGAM MAKURAZAKI LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030KA2020PTC138280
23	CORLEONE SECURITIES AND INVESTMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U65999KA2020PTC141848
24	WHITEBUD ACADEMY PRIVATE LIMITED	U80902KA2021PTC148318
25	BOBBA ENGINEERINGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC103507
26	AURBAN SHOPPING TOES PRIVATE LIMITED	U52609KA2019PTC124848
27	PUPTEN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC148674
28	AMICORP FUND SERVICES (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020FTC142185
29	WINCAN AGRO TRADE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2014PTC077873
30	JARVIS MATERIAL HANDLING PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000KA2018PTC118495
31	TREISTEK INFO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC123215
32	CREDQ SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC144778
33	PURPLORBIT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC110630
34	INFINITE TUTELAGE EDUCATION PRIVATE LIMITED	U80903KA2016PTC096587
35	SSG SOFTWARE SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA1997PTC021900
36	WONDER TECH WIND POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	U40108KA2012PTC063626
37	ROCKYOU INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U92200KA2014FTC081069
38	DIAMANTE BUILDERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45205KA2014PTC075179
39	SPARE SPARKS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC121625
40	SYSK INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC120901
41	STEBHA TRAINERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2010PTC056006
42	AMSI ATELIER PRIVATE LIMITED	U36109KA2021PTC147937
43	AEQUS CHAMPION BLOW PLAST PRIVATE LIMITED	U25209KA2021PTC149555
44	NASHWIN SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC116745
45	PEPPER RESTAURANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2005PTC036762
46	BUZZINGA ANALYTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2018PTC116358
47	SELLERBUDDY PRIVATE LIMITED	U52100KA2021PTC148952
48	ATHNOOR SOLAR POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	U40104KA2016PTC086861
49	JSJ CONSULTANCY PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC146476
50	A V SURABHI MANAGEMENT ACADEMY PRIVATE LIMITED	U80101KA2009PTC050125
51	MAVIN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014FTC103600
52	CHIRA CAPITAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U65990KA2020PTC135872
53	BCK PLANTATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01400KA2013PTC070119
54	SOLYDLAB TECHNOVATION PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC116125
55	IMPACT MANAGEMENT NEEDS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2003PTC032646
56	SKC CALIBRATION LAB PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC130819
57	SHERPAFEET PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC102355
58	ZYBO DIGITAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2015PTC079457
59	SCOREVEN LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC146708
60	ARHACK PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC150919
61	RECOTRAIN PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC112858
62	VIKRANSHU ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72501KA2018PTC117302
63	AH BETA TRAVELS AND HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030KA2018PTC113629
64	GROWTHVOLTZ SYSTEM PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC110847
65	SAVIDARSH TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC132262
66	BNB SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2010PTC055899
67	BRIGID TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2013PTC070861
68	TWIN PEAKS PHARMA CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC107095
69	FIRSTQUADRANT TECHNOLOGY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2011PTC056851
70	COMMUNISIS DIGITAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2005PTC036708
71	SOMU WORLD TRADE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U52510KA2020PTC140075
72	TUTUOWL PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15100KA2018PTC111919
73	GO DESTINY VISAS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030KA2021OPC145050
74	BHAVISHYAM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U52209KA2022PTC159223
75	HARA GRANITES PRIVATE LIMITED	U14102KA1993PTC014416
76	TAYA INFO TECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC133951
77	EAST WEST ETHNIC FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01549KA2004PTC033700
78	1UP FOOD AND BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U55209KA2019PTC129985
79	I4S TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2007PTC041397
80	BREEZEBLOCK PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC140062
81	PROJECT SOLUTIONS GROUP ASIA (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA2006PTC039203
82	TICKETGENIE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2008PTC048301
83	CENTROID EDU VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC093325
84	SHOLEM CHEMTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U24299KA2019PTC123522
85	BOTWORX TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2017PTC105087
86	MYAHA DIGITAL SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC113416
87	ENDIGI TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC118241
88	EDEXEL ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U80211KA2004PTC034310
89	TRS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000KA2019PTC126236
90	ALTUS TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2013PTC070596
91	ANIPAT ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U52609KA2017PTC108254
92	STAAL & ALLIAGE TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED	U52190KA2011PTC059370
93	TEAM SIDVIN INDIA RACING PRIVATE LIMITED	U92400KA2008PTC046064
94	CONWERGE WEB SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2010PTC055560
95	ABRIOTIC EMBEDDED DESIGN SOLUTIONS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016OPC095420
96	FAIRPLUS ORGANICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15400KA2016PTC086233
97	ZALA ESTATES AND PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U70109KA2021PTC143060
98	JANTRA SOFTWARE AND SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2007PTC043882
99	EDWINS ART OF DRIVING PRIVATE LIMITED	U93090KA2019PTC125696
100	K B C BUILD TECH INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U51432KA2007PTC043438
101	REALBRIDGE MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2011PTC057490
102	ASPERA STOCKS & SHARES CONSULTANCY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U67120KA2009PTC051356
103	SURAKSHAA AUTOMOBILES PRIVATE LIMITED	U50401KA2009PTC051732
104	KAZTIN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U22219KA2019PTC126859
105	STRIVE INFO SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2007PTC043371
106	MAVERICKGLOBAL INFO SOFT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014PTC075459
107	EDONA TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED	U51505KA2011PTC057982
108	BEST ON REQUEST SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2012PTC067412
109	JESMARDES TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014PTC074529
110	WEALTHSTATUS TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC111333
111	STUDENTPHASE TECH (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74996KA2017OPC106766
112	ELOGIX DATA SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC113171
113	SPOCTO SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014PTC077089
114	TECHWALE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC094933
115	CESSNA LIFELINE VETERINARY HOSPITAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U85300KA2020PTC138558
116	CAROLE DRUGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U24304KA2016PTC096239
117	MASHAFI INTERNATIONAL (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018OPC109615
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INBRIEF

Deve Gowda to be discharged from hospital on Saturday

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, who was admitted to Manipal Hospital on Tuesday, is likely to be discharged on Saturday. C.N. Manjunath, director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, who is Mr. Gowda's son-in-law, said the JD(S) supremo had swelling in the feet and knee pain. "This is linked to his pre-existing renal issue. So, he was admitted for a comprehensive evaluation. He is fine, cheerful, and has been consuming a normal diet. The hospital is doing investigations, and results will be known within a day or two. He will be discharged on Saturday," he said. Mr. Deve Gowda had tweeted on Tuesday saying he is fine and had visited the hospital for a routine check-up. "There is no need for panic or anxiety. I will be back home in a couple of days," he said in the tweet.

Two-day National Millet Summit postponed

The two-day National Millet Summit-2023 that was scheduled to be held by the National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur (NIFTEM-T), and the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, in GKVK campus on March 4 and 5 has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, according to a release by UAS-B. The release said the rescheduled dates will be intimated in due course. The summit was being organised for the benefit of millet growers, self-help groups, FPOs, entrepreneurs involved in millet production, processing, and marketing, and also consumers.

'Probe is imperative on fintech firms offering loans via apps that are allegedly controlled by Chinese using forged papers'

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The conduct of investigation would be imperative on the operations of certain fintech companies which offer loans through digital platforms including via mobile phone apps, allegedly being controlled by Chinese entities or individuals from China using forged documents, in the interest of national security and safety of citizens, said the High Court of Karnataka.

"The investigation would be imperative, as any effort of any neighbouring nation to destabilise this country, either economically or otherwise, by any method which would touch upon the security of the nation and safety of its citizens, cannot be turned a blind eye to," the court said.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while dismissing a petition filed by Kochi-based Inditrade Fincorp Ltd., a fintech company offering digital micro-loans to borrowers/customers.

The company had questioned the legality of freezing of its bank account by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the investigations taken up against several companies offering digital payment gateway services.

"It is in public domain that several borrowers have committed suicide unable to bear the harassments of the representatives of such loan apps. The office-bearers of several of these companies which control and operate such mobile loan apps are said to be entities of China or individuals from China sitting as directors of such mobile loan apps. Therefore, it becomes necessary for an investigation, in the least to be conducted of any such company who would operate such loan apps and has transactions between each other," the court observed.

It is germane to notice that there is huge proliferation of mobile loan apps and their modus operandi is in public domain and the operation is alleged to be this way - a gullible borrower is given a call and is lured into, for getting a small loan without documentation, the court said.

The court said that all that the borrowers are informed is that they should download the loan app and give access to the contents of the smartphone, and a small-time borrower desirous of getting money without documentation would grab at the opportunity and accept every condition and give access to his smartphone.

It is then the trouble crops up when the representatives of such mobile loan apps/companies begin to haunt the borrower threatening leakage of contents in the smartphone while seeking repayment, the court said, while pointing that it is alleged in some cases that repayment sought is 16 to 20 times more than what a borrower has to repay in equated monthly instalments.

15 FIRs

The ED had initiated investigation acting on 15 FIRs registered by the Cyber Crime police, Bangalore city, against several entities offering loans through mobile apps on the complaints of indulging in extortion and harassment of their customers. On conducting search and seizure operation against payment gateways- Razorpay Software Pvt. Ltd., Cashfree Payments India Pvt. Ltd., Paytm Payment Services Ltd., and Fast App Technology Pvt. Ltd. - the ED had found names of 111 entities, allegedly controlled/operated by citizens of China who have gained access by using forged documents of Indians and by making few Indians as contractors of those entities.

ED said that the petitioner company signed service contract, which was subsequently terminated, with Waterelephant Technologies Pvt. Ltd., several of its directors are said to be Chinese, and was using the service of two of the five payment gateways being investigated.

Tricky Hassan ticket: JD(S) problem is also of balancing sub-castes

Giving ticket to Bhavani Revanna at the cost of Swaroop, who is from Dasa Vokkaliga sub-caste, could prove costly, says Kumaraswamy

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H.P. Swaroop and Bhavani Revanna

While the never-ending drama over Janata Dal (Secular) ticket for Hassan seat has so far been seen through the prism of power play within the family of party patriarch H.D. Deve Gowda, those in the know say an important component of the plot is the intricate Vokkaliga sub-caste equation in the region.

What the party is unable to resolve is the demand of Bhavani Revanna, wife of Holenarsipur legislator H.D. Revanna, to be the party's nominee in Hassan constituency even as former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has favoured H.P. Swaroop. The public exchange over the selection has embarrassed the party, while the issue has remained unresolved.

According to political observers, Hassan Assembly is the only constituency where Dasa Vokkaligas, a sub-caste of the powerful land owning Vokkaliga community, is in dominant numbers among the Vokkaligas. Mr. Swaroop is a Dasa Vokkaliga and Mr. Deve Gowda is a Gangatkar Vokkaliga. The sitting legislator from Hassan, Preetham Gowda from the BJP, is a Dasa Vokkaliga too. In the last about three decades, the constituency has been represented by Dasa Vokkaligas as H.S. Prakash and K.H. Hanumegowda.

Mr. Kumaraswamy also acknowledged the delicate caste equation, and indicated that he will not upset the existing equation. "When we are receiving favourable responses from voters, I will not allow one constituency to affect the party's fortunes. I am also aware that the entry of another family person could hurt the party in terms of political optics, and hurt our prospects in about three constituencies in Hassan alone."

While Dasa Vokkaligas and Gangatkar Vokkaligas have marital ties, the difference comes to fore politically in Hassan Assembly constituency. The community whose voter number is estimated between 2.5 lakh and 3 lakh in the district is concentrated in Hassan constituency, and are also present in neighbouring Arkalgud, Sakleshpur, and Holenarsipur constituencies in Hassan, and K.R. Pete Assembly constituency in Mandya district.

In the larger narrative of Vokkaliga politics, Hassan constituency is seen along with Sira constituency in Tumakuru district where a Kunchitiga, another Vokkaliga sub-caste, is seen as playing a key role in electoral outcomes. In the Vokkaliga heartland districts of Mandya, Mysuru, Hassan, Tumakuru, and Ramanagar, Gangatkars remain dominant. "Dasa Vokkaliga is being elected from Hassan due to their big numbers. Mr. Deve Gowda had carefully balanced these sub-caste equations," said a political observer.

JD(S) leadership is said to be looking at a larger picture for the district where its vote base could be eroded among Dasa Vokkaligas with the entry of Ms. Bhavani. It could also resonate in the Lok Sabha polls for the lone JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna in 2024.

Former Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao quits AAP, joins BJP

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Bhaskar Rao

Former Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao on Wednesday quit Aam Admi Party (AAP) and joined the ruling BJP in Bengaluru, ahead of Assembly elections in Karnataka. His quitting the AAP comes days ahead of party chief Arvind Kejriwal's visit to Karnataka on March 4.

Mr. Rao was inducted in the party by BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel, who handed over a party flag to him, at a programme at the party office in Bengaluru. Bhaskar Rao had taken voluntary retirement in 2022 and joined AAP at New Delhi in the presence of Mr. Kejriwal.

Mr. Rao described the BJP as a party that believes in national spirit and sanaatana dharma. "I have belief in national spirit and sanaatana dharma since childhood," Mr. Rao said.

He alleged that though he was associated with the AAP for about a year, he felt that the party did not have the capability to grow in Karnataka. He described the BJP as the only party that can protect the integrity of the country. Mr. Rao said he would execute whatever responsibility was entrusted to him by the BJP leadership. A few leaders from the AAP too joined the BJP along with Mr. Rao.

Mr. Rao deserting the AAP is being seen as an embarrassment to the party as he had become the prominent face of the party. He was being projected as the AAP candidate for Basavanagudi Assembly constituency. The ruling party is said to be trying to make a political point during the visit of Mr. Kejriwal to Karnataka by enrolling AAP's prominent faces in the BJP.

CET to be held from May 20 to 22

CET-2023 timetable

Date	Day	Timing	Subject
20/05/2023	Saturday	10.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m. 2.30 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.	Biology Mathematics
21/05/2023	Sunday	10.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m. 2.30 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.	Physics Chemistry
22/05/2023	Monday	11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Both for Horanadu and Gadinadu Kannadiga candidates

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The Common Entrance Test (CET-2023) for admission to professional courses will be held from May 20 to 22 across Karnataka.

Registration and filling of online application will commence on March 2. The last date to fill the application is April 5 and April 7 is the last day to pay the application fees, said a release from Karnataka Examinations Authority.

Information with regard to caste, income and 371(j) will be verified through web-service based on the caste, income certificate Revenue Document (RD) Number and 371(J) RD number entered by the candidate in the online application form. Candidates have to enter the correct RD number in the online application. In case the RD detail does not match with the data, schedule will be given in June to appear for physical verification.

The release said the candidate's father's and mother's name and date of birth will be obtained from the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board based on the class 10 register number through SATS. Candidates who have passed class X from Karnataka have to enter their correct register number in the form. Candidates can clarify doubts on application by mailing keaucet2023@gmail.com

The question papers will be based on I and II PU syllabi prescribed by the Department of Pre-University Education of Karnataka. Kannada Language test will be held in Bengaluru, Bidar, Ballari, Belagavi, Mangaluru, and Vijayapura centres for Horanadu and Gadinadu Kannadiga candidates.

Germany keen to partner with Karnataka in green, renewable energy segments: Consul General

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BENGALURU

Germany is keen to partner with Karnataka in different sectors, mainly in green and renewable energy segments, said Achim Burkart, Consul General, German Consulate, Bengaluru, here on Wednesday.

Karnataka, currently being the highest in the country in terms of renewable energy mix, was an ideal place for renewable energy, using 66% of its power from renewable sources, as on November 2022, up from 13% in 2016, said Mr. Burkart. "Karnataka is the ideal place for renewable energy while hydrogen is one space the Union government is very keen on and has a clear strategy. Germany is also very keen on this space," he elaborated while participating at an event in connection with EMO Hannover, world's leading trade fair for production technology to be held in Hannover between September 18 to 23.

Bengaluru was very well placed for all the research and development of all the ideas that are needed in the renewable sector. Being an IT and Engineering Hub, the city was expected to play an important role in India's renewable story, the Consul General said.

During the German Chancellor's visit to India recently, both governments discussed the India-EU Trade Agreement, Mr. Burkart said. "A very difficult thing to achieve but it is a very important thing. With an FTA, the potential of trade between India and the EU will be enormous," he stated.

Amit Shah to inaugurate BJP ratha yatra at Devanahalli tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BJP leaders at the Vijaya Sankalpa Ratha Yatra, which was flagged off at M.M. Hills in the border district of Chamarajanagar on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Union Minister Amit Shah will again visit Bengaluru on March 3, this time to inaugurate the party's Vijaya Sankalpa Ratha Yatra from Devanahalli. On Wednesday, BJP national president J.P. Nadda flagged off the yatra at M.M. Hills in the border district of Chamarajanagar.

Under this campaign, four ratha yatras would tour the State from four directions covering all the districts ahead of the Assembly elections. Among the other ratha yatras, one would be flagged off from Nandaghad of Belagavi district by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday, another from Basavakalyan of Bidar district.

The ratha yatra being flagged off by Mr. Shah will cover the districts of Bengaluru, Ramanagara, Chitradurga, Kolar, Chickballapura, and Tumakuru, according to Revenue Minister R. Ashok who will be leading this yatra. Mr. Shah will flag off the yatra in Devanahalli after offering puja at Channakeshava temple of Avathi in Devanahalli built by Bengaluru founder Kempegowda. The team led by Mr. Ashok comprises Vokkaliga Ministers C.N. Ashwath Narayan, K. Sudhakar, Gopalaiah, and S.T. Somashekhar among other leaders. He said all the four ratha yatras would culminate at a public rally in Davanagere on March 25, which would be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shah inaugurating this ratha yatra is being linked to the importance attached with prominent districts covered by the yatra such as Bengaluru that account for 28 of the total 224 Assembly constituencies.

This is the fifth visit of Mr. Shah to the State in a little over two months. He began his visit to the State in connection with poll-related meetings at the end of December 2022 .

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned government of Karnataka undertaking)
CIN Number: U04010KA2002SGC030436

No. GESCOM/SEE (Procurement)/EE/AEE/2022-23/59402-06 Date:28.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

PC - 1252: Manufacture and supply of various types of poles to O&M Division-II, GESCOM, Kalaburagi as per GESCOM Specifications
Dates: Bid documents available at e-procurement: on or after **02.03.2023** Last Date:**17.03.2023 17:30 Hrs**. Opening of Technical/Price bid:**20.03.2023 11:00 Hrs /21.03.2023 11:00 Hrs.** Tender amount : **Rs. 470 Lakhs.**
Bidder Qualifying Requirements : As per tender documents (IFB): For additional information Contact: Superintending Engineer El., Procurement, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585102. Mobile: 94484 99997. Web Site Address: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Procurement), GESCOM, Corporate Office, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1385/MC&A/2022-23

RFP NOTICE

No. SBM(U)241/2022/132

" APPOINTMENT OF AGENCY FOR PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR DECENTRALISED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN ULBs OF ASSAM UNDER SBM (URBAN) ASSAM."

Mission Directorate of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, Assam invites Request for Proposal (RFP) " Appointment of agency for providing Technical Support for Decentralised Solid Waste Management through Community Engagement in ULBs of Assam under SBM (Urban), Assam."

The detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) for the proposed assignment may be obtained from the website http://assamtenders.gov.in 02/03/2023 to 23/03/2023. The RFP should be submitted online in the portal http://assamtenders.gov.in on or before 23-03-2023 upto 1:00 pm

Sd/-
State Mission Director,
Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, Assam
Dispur, Guwahati - 6

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

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With Profound Grief, We Regret to inform
Sad Demise of
Mr. Anand Bharathan
A kind, unassuming, and selfless man, he lived a fulfilling life as Husband, Father, Son and Friend.

Deeply mourned by: Mrs. Padmini Anand - Wife
Mr. Pranav Anand - Son
Mr. Abhinav Anand - Son
Mrs. Pattu Bharathan - Mother
Mr. Kandaswamy Bharathan - Brother
& Pushpa Kandaswamy
Mrs. Veena Ramakrishnan - Sister
& G. Ramakrishnan
Ms. Janani & Ms.Ankitha

INBRIEF

Noted Carnatic vocalist and guru Neela Ramgopal no more

Noted Carnatic vocalist and teacher Neela Ramgopal, 86, passed away in Bengaluru on Wednesday. She was suffering from age-related ailments. Neela Ramgopal hailed from Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, and had shifted to Bengaluru after her marriage over six decades ago. She learnt music from N.M. Narayanan and T.K. Rangachary in Tamil Nadu. After shifting to Bengaluru, she learnt Kannada and made it a point to sing and teach Kannada kritis to all her students. She widely sang Dasara Padas too. She has also released several albums, including Rama Upasana, Narayana Enniro and Tamizh Inbam.

LDF remains dominant force in Kerala local body bypolls

Of the 28 seats, the party wins 15 while the Congress-led United Democratic Front wins 11 and the BJP gets two; with the Lok Sabha polls around the corner, parties view results with some gravity

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The relatively "good showing" in the local body byelections in 28 wards across Kerala has buoyed the spirits of the Congress-led United Democratic Front and the Bharatiya Janata Party .

The Opposition victories notwithstanding, the ruling Left Democratic Front remains the dominant electoral force. It won 15 seats in the byelections held on Tuesday. The results were declared on Wednesday. As per the latest tally, the UDF won 11 of the 28 seats that were up for grabs, while two went to the BJP.

The local body byelections are rarely a bellwether of the State's voting pattern. However, with the Lok Sabha elections around the corner in 2024, the ruling and Opposition parties viewed the results with some gravity.

Time to rejoice: UDF candidate Sundaran Karuvadan celebrating his victory in Malappuram on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

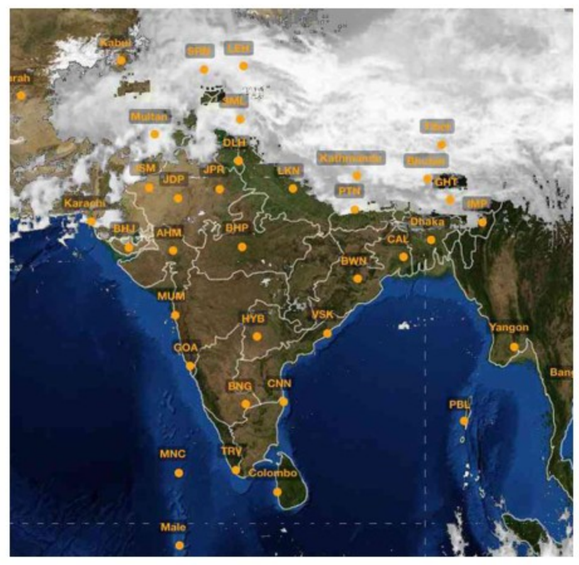
The Communist Party of India (Marxist) is yet to react to the loss of six seats, including one to the BJP.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said the people had sent a clear message to the LDF government. "They have reprimanded the LDF for its corruption, arrogance and one-upmanship."

BJP State president K. Surendran said people had sent a warning to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. The BJP had increased its vote share and grabbed an additional seat from the LDF.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.3	15.6	Kozhikode	—	35.5	25.0
Ahmedabad	—	37.3	17.5	Kurnool	—	36.5	20.0
Aizawl	—	33.5	10.6	Lucknow	—	31.8	16.8
Allahabad	—	35.5	15.8	Madurai	0.3	35.2	24.5
Bengaluru	—	30.9	18.5	Mangaluru	—	35.7	23.1
Bhopal	—	34.5	19.8	Mumbai	—	33.5	19.5
Bhubaneswar	—	36.6	19.9	Mysuru	—	33.2	12.2
Chandigarh	—	31.8	15.4	New Delhi	—	31.2	17.8
Chennai	—	32.0	25.0	Patna	—	33.7	15.8
Coimbatore	—	32.4	22.7	Port Blair	—	31.4	23.5
Dehradun	—	29.8	14.4	Puducherry	—	33.4	30.9
Gangtok	—	15.0	8.6	Pune	—	34.3	16.8
Goa	—	36.2	20.6	Raipur	—	35.7	20.6
Guwahati	—	30.2	15.3	Ranchi	—	33.2	16.0
Hubballi	—	35.0	20.0	Shillong	—	20.8	9.5
Hyderabad	—	32.6	19.1	Shimla	4	15.6	4.9
Imphal	—	28.1	11.1	Srinagar	0.6	13.4	6.4
Jaipur	—	31.5	20.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.4	25.6
Kochi	—	33.4	24.6	Tiruchi	—	34.1	24.0
Kohima	—	21.0	9.3	Vijayawada	—	34.2	21.8
Kolkata	—	33.7	21.0	Visakhapatnam	—	33.2	20.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.12	..36	.43	...236	...177	
Bengaluru	...4	..20	.15	...120	...100	
Chennai	.24	..32	.45	...114	97	
Delhi	.18	..67	.30	...317	...186	
Hyderabad	.13	6	.74	86	...109	
Kolkata	.10	..39	.65	...133	...114	
Lucknow	.12	..64	.70	...240	...191	
Mumbai	.22	..57	.25	...330	...219	
Pune	.87	121	116	...184	...117	
Visakhapatnam	...8	..65	.26	...178	...234	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 365 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 38

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Why Karnataka polls are crucial for BJP's fate in Telangana

ANALYSIS

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

In a year with nine Assembly elections, the Karnataka polls in April-May stand alone as the State goes to polls without being bunched with others. But for the BJP, this time around, the party's fate in Karnataka is inextricably linked with that of Telangana.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP won four seats in Telangana, marking it out as a potential State where the party can expand. The BJP's efforts in the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation polls, in fighting Assembly bypolls in Huzurabad, Munugode and Dubbaka and in yatras and corner public meetings point to that direction.

At a meeting of the national and Telangana BJP leadership in Delhi on Tuesday, however, some concerns were raised that there were blank spots with regard to grassroot organisational level coverage in several districts of the State, and that leaders from other parties (Congress and the BharatRashtra Samithi) that had been scheduled fell through. It was seen that there was no representation from many of the 119 Assembly seats in the State in the party organisation.

The inability to recruit talent, to bridge deficits in leadership was raised at the meeting. It is this inability that has the most direct connection with BJP's prospects in Karnataka.

According to a senior office-bearer of the BJP in New Delhi involved in party affairs in Telangana, the results in Karnataka Assembly polls will have a direct effect on Telangana.

"In Karnataka, the only southern State the BJP has won, the party is facing a challenging situation. Leaders from other parties desirous of joining the BJP

A loss in Karnataka may lead to a flagging of momentum for the Telangana BJP

are watching the events closely. If the BJP loses Karnataka where the Congress is fighting hard, then it will have a morale boosting effect on the Congress, and the currently loose hold that the Congress has on leaders will strengthen, making it difficult for the BJP to convince anyone to join. A victory in Karnataka will have an opposite effect," said the source. "It's a question of momentum, and a loss in Karnataka may lead to a flagging of momentum for the Telangana BJP," added the source.

The BJP has, in recent times, been able to combine identity politics with that of welfare programmes of the Modi government with *labaarthis* (beneficiaries) being a strong pillar of support. In Telangana, the *labarthi* plank has weakened as the BRS government in the State has its own constituency of *labarthis* through various schemes.

"Therefore, the narrative here has to be on governance issues, corruption and getting a good combination of community leaders to support you. The Congress has a legacy vote even if the party is in the doldrums at the moment, the BJP as a latecomer has challenges," said the source.

The BJP meeting in Delhi was also combined with some frank talk on the need for the party to attract talent. The differences between old and newly inducted leaders of the Telangana unit were sought to be smoothened over.

The BJP in Karnataka now has to pull double duty of saving the government in that State and provide a morale boosting narrative for Telangana.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
TENDER NOTICE
THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA (ICAI)
HEAD OFFICE : ICAI Bhawan', Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi – 110002
BRANCH OFFICE : Tirupati Branch of SIRC of ICAI 592, Bodhi Enclave, Balaji Colony, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh 517502
ICAI invites bids, in prescribed format, from experienced and reputed Architectural firms / Architects for Appointment of Architect for providing comprehensive Architectural and PMC services for its proposed Institutional Building at Plot No. C-19 in Seshachalam Hill View Layout Phase-I.HIG/C, survey no 195/1 OF Chennaiahgunta Village Tirumala Nagar Gram Panchayat, Mangalam Group, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
The last date of receipt of duly filled in bids is **25/03/ 2023, upto 5:00 P.M.**
The detailed terms and conditions/Tender are available at ICAI's website **www.icai.org/post/icai-eoi-tenders** & **www.sirc-icai.org**

Karnataka State Pollution Control Board
#49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru-01
Ph: 080-25581383/ 25589112 Fax: 080-2588 6321
e-mail: ho@kspcb.gov.in | Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in
No. PCB/135/BLD/2022-23 /7992 **Dated: 27/02/2023**
INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through GOK e-procurement platform only)
The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) invites tenders from eligible tenderers through GOK e-procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by The Member Secretary for the following work:
Name of the work: Providing and fixing of Records Storage Racks to Regional Office Building(New) at Mangaluru. Approx Value of the work: **Rs.21.51 Lakhs.** All payments such as tender cost, EMD etc., shall be made in e-payment mode only.
For more details, please refer e-procurement web site: **http:// www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in,**
Sd/-
DIPR/CP/JA/5004/2022-23 **Member Secretary**
Our motto is to minimize waste generation through judicious use of natural resources

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/7640 **DATE: 28/02/2023**
Short Term E-Tender Notification
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 works under head of account 5054-SH Renewal, 2 works under head of account 5054-SH Improvements, 1 work under head of account 5054-MDR Renewal, 5 work under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements, 1 work under head of account 3054-SH Maintenance, 1 work under head of account 3054-MDR Maintenance & 1 work under head of account 5054-Nabard tourism (8443 Deposit) Totally 12 No. of works. Amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 80.00 Lakhs and maximum of Rs. 784.00 Lakhs.
Calendar of events : 1)Pre-bid meeting date: 08-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 10-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 13-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 15-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"
For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.
Sd/-Executive Engineer
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1912/KSMCA/2022-23 **PWD Division Chikodi.**

NORTH WESTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, CENTRAL OFFICES, HUBBALLI
DIVISIONAL WORKSHOP PREMISES, HUBBALLI -580 030.
e-Auction Notice
Scrapped materials of different types available at the divisions and Regional Workshop, Hubballi of NWKRTC will be sold through e-Auction to be conducted through MSTC e-auction platform. The e-auction of scrapped materials will be held on 17th and 18th of March-2023.
Interested bidders may log on to www.mstcecommerce.com for further details and registration. They may contact NWKRTC Contact Nos. **7022009113, 7760988557, 0836-2957528** for any clarifications.
Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Ramanagara Special Division, Ramanagara
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No.29/2022-23 Dated: 24.02.2023.
Short Term Tenders are invited in two cover system from the eligible contractors for 01 works from Rs.800.00 Lakhs through e-procurement portal as per the Standard bid documents. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Documents may be downloaded from 24.02.2023 to 04.03.2023, Pre bid Meeting Date: 28.02.2023, Last date for submission of tender 04.03.2023 upto 16.00 hours, Date of opening of Technical bid 06.03.2023 (If possible) at 16.30 hours. Tender Processing Fees, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the undersigned during Office Hours.
Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
PWD Spl. Division, Ramanagara.

Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL,Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division,Shikaripura.
Tender Notification-69&70/2022-23 Date: 24-02-2023 (Call-3)
Ref: 1. Tender Notification-53/2022-23 Date: 20-01-2023
2. Tender Notification-32/2022-23 Date: 07-11-2022
3. Tender Notification-64/2022-23 Date: 08-02-2023
(E-Procurement System only)
Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.T.P.P Act- 2000 on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors in standard K/W Bid document. Contractors, has registered in PWD Department such as **KPWD Class-III & Above.** The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through E-procurement portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Construction of CC Road and drain in Shikaripura Taluk under SCP TSP for 02** Works of Amount put to tender Rs. **52.25** lakhs to Rs. **14.97** lakhs and EMD Rs. **1.05** lakhs to Rs.**0.19 lakhs. 1)** Date of downloading & submission of tender (through e- procurement) will be on **27-02-2023** to **06-03-2023** up to **5.00** PM **2)** Last date for tender queries will be on **04-03-2023** up to **5.00** PM **3)** Opening of technical /Financial bid will be on **07-03-2023** @ **5.15 PM 4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.
For more details visit website from date-**27-02-2023** at **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**.OR undersigned in all working days during office hours.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer.
DIPR/SMG/No.235/ZEN/2022-23 **KNNL, DRP., Division, Shikaripura**

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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
Ref:1) No: EE/ KNNL/ UTP DVN/RNR/PB-1/BYD Asphalt ROAD 4 Cr 4701 pack-1 /2022-23/2645 Dated: 24-02-2023
2) No: EE/ KNNL/ UTP DVN/RNR/PB-1/BYD asphalt ROAD 4.0 Cr 4701 Pack 2/2022-23/ 2646 Dated: 24-02-2023
3)No:EE/KNNL/UTP/PB-3/22-23/2678&2679 Dated:24-02-2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal system)
Percentage tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, fromeligible bidders who satisfies through GO e-procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in under Two cover system. The 2 number of Asphalt road works in Byadagi Town Muncipality limit in Byadagi, Haveri Dist as per Ref(1)&(2) who's the cost is Rs 399.96 Lakhs (including GST) and EMD amount is 5.99 Lakhs under UTP Division Ranebennur & Ref(3) four works of Thungarathi & one Samudaya Bhavan cost 25.00 Lakhs to 240.00 Lakhs under the Head of account 4701.
Tender processing fee as per e-procurement portal system is non refundable. The electronic tender documents can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through e-portal. (1)The contractor can have access to e-tender documents from 27-02-2023 to 07-03--2023 up to 5.30 PM (2)The Last Date and time for tender queries before 03-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM. (3) Last date of bid submission of completed e-tendering documents on 07-03--2023-up to 5.30 PM(4) Technical Bid will be opened on 08-03-2023 at 5.35 PM at the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, UTP Division, Ranebennur. Any changes made in the said Notification Corrected /Corrigendum's will be uploaded in the e-procurement portal/ News Papers.
For details visit our website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the undersigned in all working days during the office hours. P.No.(08373)297332 Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling/reject ing all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons what so ever.
Sd/- Executive Engineer(I/c), KNNL, U.T.P. Dn, Ranebennur.
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Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University
P.B. No. 6, Nandinagar, Bidar-585 226, Karnataka
No.R/KVAFSU (B)/Rectt/Teaching/Athani/2022-23 **Date: 01-03-2023**
REVISED RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION
Sub: Direct Recruitment of Teaching posts ..reg
Ref: 1. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಸಂ: ಪಸಂಮೀ/73/ಪಶಸೇ/2021 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–10–2022
2. Notification No.R/KVAFSU(B)/Rectt/Teaching/Athani/2022-23 Dt. 20-1-2023
3. Notification No.R/KVAFSU(B)/Rectt-T(Athani)/2022-23 Dt. 14-2-2023
4. Approval of the Vice Chancellor, KVAFSU, Bidar
Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar invites Applications from the eligible Candidates for recruitment of various teaching posts. The detailed vacancy position, prescribed qualifications, score card, General instructions and other details can be downloaded from the University website **www.kvafsu.edu.in.** The candidates who fulfill the eligibility requirement can submit the application in online mode only from University website **www.kvafsu.edu.in.**
By order
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(Sivasankar.S. IFS)
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: SEE/Tr(W&M)/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-2/2022-23/7097-103 **Date: 28.02.2023**
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-Procurement mode only)
KPTCL invites tenders for the following works:
(1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT10431 for creating 33kV reference by installing 1x20 MVA, 110/33kV Transformer at 110kV Moodabidre sub-station in Moodabidre Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District under Partial Turnkey Basis.
(2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT10432 for property fencing for the land bearing Survey No. 296/1 of 3.50 Acres of land at Kepu Village, Bantwala Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District for establishing 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Sub-station.
(3) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/2021-22/SS/WORK_INDENT9069/Call-5 for Repair/reconditioning of failed 20MVA, 110/11kV voltage class Power Transformer of Victory make, Sl.No. 40044/2, YOM:2011 at 110/33/11kV Bejai Substation. (percentage tender)(CALL-5).
(4) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/2022-23/IND2316/CALL-2 for procurement of 7 Nos of 33kV class SF6 Circuit breakers for replacement of age old breakers of 33kV circuit breakers at various sub-stations coming under TL&SS Division, Kavoor, Mangaluru (CALL-2).
The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in"** on hyperlink "tenders" on or **after 03.03.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Maroli, Kulashekara, Mangaluru-575005. Ph: 0824-2211342.

Message for maturity

Governors and Chief Ministers should respect constitutional boundaries

Constitutional functionaries cannot let rancour prevail over propriety. This is the substance and import of the Supreme Court's advice to the Governor and Chief Minister of Punjab that they should display mature statesmanship in handling their differences. Governor Banwarilal Purohit was indeed way out of line when he indicated that he would act on the Cabinet advice to convene the Budget session of the Punjab Assembly only after he obtained legal advice on the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann's response to some of his earlier queries. This stand forced the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government to approach the Court against the apparent refusal to call the Assembly session. However, the matter was resolved without judicial intervention, as the Court was informed that the Governor had summoned the House to meet as scheduled on March 3. The position regarding the Governor's power to summon the House under Article 174 of the Constitution is now well-known. Even though it says the Governor shall summon the House from time to time "to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit", a Constitution Bench had, in Nabam Rebia (2016), ruled that the Governor can summon, prorogue and dissolve the House only on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. It is hardly likely that Mr. Purohit was unaware of this, but he must have taken such a position because of the state of relations between Raj Bhavan and the Chief Minister's office.

The Court's observations covered Mr. Mann's questionable position too. In response to the Governor questioning the sending of some school principals to Singapore for training, he had replied that he was responsible only to the people of Punjab and not to a Governor appointed by the Centre. He was obviously wrong, as it is laid down in Article 167 that it is the Chief Minister's duty "to furnish such information relating to the administration of the affairs of the State and proposals for legislation as the Governor may call for...". It is unfortunate that such instances of one-upmanship between Governors and Chief Ministers are becoming more frequent in various States. Both should be mindful of constitutional boundaries. Some Governors seem to believe that they can stretch their discretion to areas not specifically mentioned in the Constitution. The more germane reason for this is that incumbents in Raj Bhavan tend to take their role as the eyes and ears of the Union government too literally, and often get into the political domain. While they can indeed guide, caution or advise, they sometimes play the role of commentator, critic and even the opposition. This does not augur well for constitutional governance.

Searing changes

Health systems should be responsive to challenges from heatwaves

February 2023, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) recently said, had been the warmest since 1901 with the average maximum temperature at nearly 29.54°C. While February – considered 'spring' and a 'winter month' by the IMD – usually posts temperatures in the low 20s, it is also apparent that there has been a gradual rise, with even minimum temperatures scaling new heights. Average maximum temperatures were 1.73°C above normal and minimum, 0.81°C above what is usual. In its latest assessment, the IMD has said that these trends are likely to spill over into summer. Most of the north-east, eastern, central and northwest India are expected to post "above normal" temperatures. Heatwaves during March-May are likely over most parts of India, except for the north-east, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala and coastal Karnataka. A 'heat wave' is when actual maximum temperatures are over 45°C or if temperatures are 4.5°C over what is normal for the region. Climate change, studies have reported, has exacerbated the impact of heatwaves in India. A *Lancet* study reported a 55% rise in deaths due to extreme heat and that excessive heat also led to a loss of 167.2 billion potential labour hours among Indians in 2021.

The searing temperatures over the years have impacted the yield of wheat. India produced 106.84 million tonnes of wheat in the 2021-22 crop season, less than the 109.59 million tonnes in 2020-21 season, due to a hotter than usual March that impacted the crop during its growth phase. What these temperatures mean for this year's monsoon are yet unclear as it is only after March that global forecast models are better able to analyse sea-surface conditions and credibly extrapolate. Three of the last four years saw above normal rainfall in India primarily due to a La Niña, or cooler than usual temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific. While this is expected to subside, whether it will eventually swing to an El Niño and draw moisture away from India's coasts remains to be seen. The interplay between local weather and climate is complex and while it is tempting to blame rising heatwave intensity as 'climate change,' the science continues to be uncertain. This, however, should be a wake-up call to buttress public health systems and make them more responsive to the challenges from rising temperatures. Several States have action plans and early warning initiatives but inadequate outreach, particularly in rural India. Along with promoting newer crop varieties that mature early, there should be greater stress on aiding farmers to tweak soil and water management practices to adapt to these changes.

Politics and ideology within the portals of the judiciary

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That justice is blind is part of the myth system. "A judge is a lawyer who is a politician who has a friend," Judge Paul Leahy once told his clerk Floyd Abrams. In India, the episode of the collegium's recommendation of Justice L. Victoria Gowri's name and her appointment to the Madras High Court within weeks, has revived the debate on judicial appointments. A two-judge Bench which made a distinction between 'eligibility' and 'suitability', said that the material on her alleged hate speeches was before the collegium.

The Supreme Court of India is a political court in the sense that it is the final arbiter of political disputes. Accordingly, the political and ideological positions of judges may influence their judgments – at least on contentious political questions. Thus, concern about the ideological/political leanings of judges is perfectly justified. "It is a centre of political power because it can influence the agenda of political action, control over which is what power politics is in reality all about," wrote philosopher-jurist Upendra Baxi. The Court is routinely drawn into the politics of the establishment as well as the politics of the Opposition. In other words, "whether justices of the Court like it or not, understand it or not, care about it or not, the plain fact remains that the court can be used for purely party political ends in certain situations beyond the control of the Court".

Evidence as judgments and appointments

Any number of examples can be cited: the Hindutva judgment (1996) was a big boost and legitimised the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s ideological position. So too *ADM Jabalpur* (1976) to the Indira Gandhi government. *S.R. Bommai* (1994) that had upheld the dismissal of the BJP governments in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh after the demolition of the Babri Masjid, on the ground of secularism as the basic structure, was a big victory for the Congress. The Rafale verdict in 2018 which came before the general election in 2019 was a big political boost for the Narendra Modi government. The final judgment in the Ayodhya case (2019) too had huge political significance. Similarly, though there was nothing much in the Pegasus order (2021) of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana, on constituting an independent probe, it was still presented as a big setback for the government and a huge political victory for the Opposition. The upholding of reservation for the economically weaker sections reservation (2022) amendment, and on demonetisation (2023) spelt major political victories for the BJP government. The ongoing Shiv Sena case too has political implications. At the same time, several politically sensitive cases have not yet been heard such as challenges to the electoral bonds scheme, the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, and the dilution of Article 370.

> The higher judiciary is invariably drawn into politics, but when it comes to the collegium, it is better to include the Union Law Minister in the body

As a centre of power in national affairs, the Supreme Court is invariably drawn into politics. Some of the instances of Public Interest Litigation, on changing names of over a 1,000 places, a uniform divorce law, anti-conversion laws, love jihad, and women's entry in mosques are examples of the use of the court for political purposes.

Governments do take into account the ideological leanings of judges. On May 12, 1973, in a speech in Parliament, M. Kumaramangalam, Mrs. Gandhi's cabinet colleague, audaciously defended the appointment of the CJI (Justice A.N. Ray who had superseded three seniormost judges) when he said: "We had to take into account what was a judge's basic outlook on life... was it not right to take all these aspects into consideration? Was it not right to think in terms of [a] more suitable relationship between the court and the government?... In appointing a person as Chief Justice, I think we have to take into consideration his basic outlook, his attitude to life and his politics."

There were judges with left, centrist and right ideological leanings. The left-leading Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer was a Minister in the communist government in Kerala. Justice Baharul Islam was an elected member of the Rajya Sabha representing the Congress. He was first appointed as Guwahati High Court judge and in a rare decision after superannuation, was appointed as Supreme Court judge by the Indira Gandhi government. CJI Subba Rao was the Opposition candidate in a presidential election. Justice Guman Mal Lodha had rightist leanings and subsequently thrice won the Lok Sabha election on the BJP ticket. Justice K.S. Hegde even became Speaker in the Janata government. Justice Vijay Bahuguna was Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.

Every government would want judges who are likely to decide cases in its favour – this was very much the norm even under Congress rule. Justice M.H. Beg, for instance, was appointed on the directions of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi overruling CJI Sikri's opposition. Justice D.G. Palekar was appointed because of his close proximity with then Law Minister H.R. Gokhale. Justice S.N. Dwivedi was related to H.N. Bahuguna. CJI Sikri had serious reservations about Justice Dwivedi's elevation, who told lawyers after his appointment that he was going to the top court to overrule *Golaknath* (1967).

Still independent

But fortunately, and strangely, many government-appointed judges were able to assert their independence; barring a few exceptions, they have been quite impressive. Some even struck down major decisions taken by the Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi governments. In *Champakam Dorairajan* (1951), the reservation policy of Madras was struck down by the majority of 7:0. In *I.C. Golaknath* (1967), the Supreme Court denied Parliament the power to amend the Constitution and held fundamental rights to be the primordial rights necessary for the development of the human personality. In *R.C. Cooper* (1970), the top court (10:1) struck down the historic bank nationalisation decision; in *Maharajadhiraja Madhav Rao Scindia* (1971), abolition of privy purses was also struck down by a 9:2 majority; in *Kesavananda Bharati* (1973), the basic structure theory was propounded to restrict and limit Parliament's power to amend the Constitution. And who can forget *Raj Narain* (1975), where Justice Jagmohan Lal Sinha had struck down the Prime Minister's election. Even during the Emergency, as many as nine High Courts had upheld the right to habeas corpus against illegal detention. Such strong judgments are rarely delivered today.

Even in the pre-collegium days, governments generally used to go by the CJI's recommendations. Of the 547 appointments made between January 1, 1983 and April 10, 1993, the CJI's views were ignored only in seven.

Finally, who can assert that the collegium is entirely independent and always recommends ideologically neutral judges? The collegium system has not drastically improved the situation as the government continues to have the final word in the judicial appointments. Since the government does have a veto power in practice in spite of the Memorandum of Procedure laying down that the government would be bound to appoint a judge if his/her name is reiterated by the collegium, it is better to include the Union Law Minister in the collegium (just as in several other countries) so that his views are heard and his reservations discussed threadbare. Let his views too become a part of the minutes. If the other five judges (CJI plus four judges) are not convinced, decisions can be made by the majority, and the government being party to the deliberations and recommendations would have to accept collegium's recommendations. The goal should be to end the supersession, cherry picking of judges and making process more transparent.

Phasing out the line, 'math is not for a girl'

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Student 1 (boy, Class 7): I want to be a mathematics and science teacher. My favourite subject is mathematics.

Student 2 (girl, Class 7): My favourite subject is history. I want to join the police force.

These were responses from an informal discussion with school students in a village in Bihar's Samastipur district a few months ago. The students who expressed their wishes were among the best performing students. This has been a consistent pattern, where boys were more likely than girls to express a preference for mathematics and science. Even among girls who showed an interest in science, their preference tended to be for life sciences over physical sciences. Evidently, the representation of females in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) or other math-intensive fields and careers remains far from 'fair' or desirable. Ask any student in engineering or math-intensive undergraduate degree courses and many will tell you how girls continue to be a rare sight in these classrooms. This underrepresentation is not only found in developing countries such as India but also in the developed world.

Do girls perform poorly in basic maths in comparison to boys? In a recent research paper (https://bit.ly/3YgxMmO), we study this issue using child-level test scores in maths and reading ability from 2010-18 for children (between eight to 16 years) from the Annual Survey of Education Report (ASER) conducted across rural India. In our findings, boys outperform girls in mathematics significantly, which has been persistent over time. The difference in reading scores, on the other hand, is negligible. There is a considerable variation though; while in the north Indian States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Madhya Pradesh, boys outperform girls substantially, in south India, girls outperform boys in mathematics. However, on average, the performance of girls remains worse than that of boys. This is cause for concern as it indicates a lack of interest and understanding in the subject, which has implications for future academic and career success.

> Addressing specific biases and perceptions can prevent further harm to female education, career choices, and job opportunities in STEM

More social norms than 'ability'

What drives this difference in performance? Despite a lot of contradictory evidence, a large section is eager to attribute these disparities to differences in 'ability', in turn failing to acknowledge the impact of social and cultural norms. Girls are found to perform better in some southern States, only further implying that it is not any inherent ability that drives this difference. There is a widespread prevalence of the systematic devaluation of girls related to their mathematical aptitude in the classroom, at home, and in society more broadly. The oft-repeated line that "science and maths are meant for boys and arts and humanities for girls" is reflective of the kind of stereotyping that parents, relatives/neighbours, and even schoolteachers push. For example, the comment section from a YouTube video created on this topic by a popular channel "Soch by Mohak Mangal" (https://bit.ly/3iX6vG8) includes hundreds of comments echoing these concerns. Among them, a woman reflects on how her favourite subject in school was maths but her male teachers always expressed surprise on "how could you score more than boys".

Many State and central policies and campaigns show that public policy recognises the discrimination and biases that girls face in enrolling and also continuing school. The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP), too, acknowledges the need to address several gender-related gaps in schooling. Specifically, it recognises the existence of continued disparities across all social groups and the need for developing interventions that enhance attendance and academic performance for girls. Further, it stresses the need to implement gender-sensitive training for teachers and also in establishing a 'Gender-Inclusive Fund' for States to utilise in implementing community-based interventions. Similarly, the National Curriculum Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), also acknowledges these gender disparities.

However, neither of these documents explicitly recognises the causes and consequences of gender differences in mathematics learning at early ages. It is not that these gaps and mechanisms are unknown to the educational administration and policymakers. It was recognised in the position paper on the "Teaching of Mathematics" published by the NCERT in 2005. The paper talks at length about poorer outcomes for girls in mathematics through the devaluation of girls in society. It also discusses classroom research, indicating how gendered perceptions and the behaviour of teachers might negatively impact how girls view and perform in mathematics in the classroom. The recent policies do not fully acknowledge and address the prevalence and impact of these specific biases and perceptions.

Steps worth trying

Our recent work, which provides evidence of this disadvantage, indicates the need to revisit these issues. Targeted behavioural interventions can curb the gender stereotyping of "math is not for a girl" at the household, societal, and school levels. References to female mathematicians in textbooks, female names, and characters in word problems, and providing exposure to female role models in STEM fields in the course curriculum are among other simple tweaks that are worth trying and likely to be beneficial. There is an urgent need to address this problem to prevent further harm to female education, career choices, and job market opportunities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proton beam therapy

The report, "Proton beam therapy out of reach for many with cancer" (Inside pages, March 1), was excellent and insightful. Considering the capital outlay needed for the equipment and the connected infrastructure, State governments must not fight shy of backing such projects, especially when State budgetary allocations towards public health and education are getting attention. The relatively low cost of medical treatment in India when compared to what it is in the U.S. is a redeeming factor. It must also be noted that a private health group has proved the efficacy of proton treatment, and at a lower cost than abroad.

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According to the Indian Council of Medical Research, cancer cases in India are likely to go up by over 12% from 2020 to 2025. Despite scientific advancements and the development of cutting-edge technologies for the detection and treatment of cancer, it is regrettable that the high cost of these therapies is a huge hurdle to cross for the poor and "medically underserved". Combination therapy, that combines radiation therapy, chemotherapy, targeted therapy, including immunotherapy, has been found to be more effective, both in terms of the cost factor and better prognosis. Advanced treatments must be accessible for all those with cancer.

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Thiruvananthapuram

Focus on the senior citizen

A Minister may have made an insensitive remark about the increase in the pensioner base in India, in terms of numbers. The Minister must note that with the advancement of science, longevity has also increased. With the concept of nuclear families today, many senior citizens may not have the full support of their children. The mushroom-like growth of old age homes across India indicates that there are many who require attention. A separate Ministry for senior citizens is not an obtuse idea and may be thought of. Senior citizens need support when it comes to care, nursing, and even special assistance. When central and State Budgets are announced, there is very little comfort for the population above 60 years. Care for the elderly is something that bridges physical, mental and social aspects.

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G-20: India's platform for global leadership

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The G-20 was born out of the Asian financial crisis 25 years ago. It was upgraded to convene heads of government after a global financial and economic crisis a decade later. Today, however, the organisation that styles itself as the 'premier forum of international economic cooperation' appears to be descending into deadlock with the Foreign Ministers of Japan (currently chairing the G7) and South Korea declining to attend the Delhi meet and Russia, China and the EU publicly sticking to their differing positions on the war in Ukraine.

As leader of the G-20 this year, India could watch this happen – as appears to have been the case with the Finance Ministers' gathering at Bengaluru – or strengthen the organisation. To do the latter, however, India would have to take a stance on Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine. There can be no hiding behind Russia and China's argument that war and politics are not the preserve of the G-20. The war in Ukraine is affecting the global economy, climate change, nuclear stability and the Charter principles of the United Nations that underpin the rule of law in international relations. The first two are central to India's agenda as chair this year; without the other two, the G-20 cannot function.

Difficult road for India

At the G-20 Finance Ministers' meet last week, when for the first time ever, the group could not agree on an outcome document, India found itself in the uneasy situation of having to explain whether it supported its own Chair's summary, which noted that the majority of states condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine and rejected the use or the threat of use of nuclear weapons.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman would not confirm whether India was part of this majority. The question of India's position was a valid one: two days earlier, New Delhi had abstained on a vote at the UN General Assembly calling for 'comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine', which passed with a majority of 141 states voting for it. India, and 31 others, including China and Pakistan, abstained on a call for Russia to withdraw its forces from Ukraine and cease hostilities.

There is a time for leaving the door open for dialogue with both sides of a conflict, and there is a time for calling out fence-sitting as a wasted opportunity. That energy was expended in Bengaluru to overcome India's reservations about calling Mr. Putin's invasion of Ukraine a war at all (India wanted the conflict to be referred to as a crisis) means that time was taken away from discussions on debt restructuring and cryptocurrency regulation, topics India has indicated it would like the grouping to focus on. Japan's Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki observed that Russia's invasion had upended the 'foundations of the global order', making it 'difficult for the G-20 to engage in constructive discussion.'

Condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine is not about supporting the United States or encouraging NATO expansion: it is about upholding the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity enshrined in the UN Charter, which Russian military action in Ukraine, with the avowed intention of regime change, has undermined. These are also the same principles that India has relied on for international support in the four wars that it has fought since independence.

The concern is global: this is not just a European problem. The war has affected oil and gas prices, exacerbated inflation and disrupted global food supplies and prices, adding to the precarity of life for millions in parts of Africa and Asia. Further, it has escalated nuclear risks, not just in the form of threats of the use of nuclear weapons, but threats to Ukraine's nuclear power plants, all five of which have come under direct shelling this past year.

Rafael Grossi, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), reported that 'every single one' of the Agency's 'pillars' of nuclear safety and security 'has been compromised.'

The war in Ukraine could drag on, eventually petering out into a frozen conflict. The longer it continues, the weaker Russia – sanctioned and isolated by most developed economies – will become, and consequently, the more dependent it will be on China for markets, political cover and perhaps even weapons. The irony of India not taking sides means that it is helping Russia become a client state of China. At the same time, India's refusal to recognise Russian aggression for what it is means that even within the G-20, the group that it leads this year, decisive action on how to rebuff Russian aggression as a precursor to regaining some global stability is moving into smaller coalitions of the willing within this larger group.

Renewing commitments

After India denied Ukraine's Finance Minister Serhiy Marchenko an invitation to address the gathering in Bengaluru, Japan, as chair of the G7, invited him to a meeting on the sidelines at which the G7 renewed their financial commitments to Ukraine and discussed further sanctions on Russia. India has, thus, found itself in the odd position of hosting a group but staying away from the main party where all the action is taking place.

Ironically, India reportedly played a vital role last year in helping the Bali summit reach consensus, with the final document echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remark to President Putin that "now is not the time for war." It would be a tragedy if India saved the Bali summit but lost the New Delhi one because it was unable to take a position on upholding the principles of another international organisation.

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The AIMIM expansion in question

The party's plan to expand its reach in Telangana continues to remain unclear

STATE OF PLAY

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On February 25, the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) had its first-ever two-day National Conference. The move came days ahead of the 65th anniversary of what the AIMIM calls the party's revival, where it resolved to embark on a nationwide expansion. The National Convention in Mumbai entailed closed-door deliberations with its two members of Parliament, over 1,000 office bearers and corporators.

On the final day, the AIMIM released a list of 16 resolutions, including its "national agenda", that seeks to expand the party's presence across the country, and to continue the legacy of Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi, a former parliamentarian and sitting Member of Parliament Asaduddin Owaisi's father, and "past leadership", which invariably includes the latter's grandfather, Abdul Wahed Owaisi, who is credited with the "revival" of the party.

The sequence of events – the National Convention followed by the revival day scheduled on March 2 – bears significance. The party, while holding onto its politics shaped by Sultan Salahuddin, who began his political innings as a corporator to legislator and finally a Member of Parliament, all along laying the AIMIM's groundwork, is looking into the future; a party which is far more organised, considers itself to be speaking about not only for Muslims but also other marginalised communities, including Dalits; and perhaps in the long run, a change in the party's status to that of a national party.

"The AIMIM also resolves to use local, state and national elections as a means to bring the minorities and other marginalised groups into the mainstream," an excerpt from the list of resolutions read. As of now, the party has nine legislators from Telangana, two from Maharashtra and one from Bihar.

Apart from the Assembly polls, the party has been focussing on local bodies as well in many States. For instance, it has registered victories in local body polls in Gujarat, such as in Modasa where it sits in the opposition. The party has elected representatives in bodies in Godhra and Bharouch. Though these may seem as relatively smaller victories, partymen believe that they do count as building blocks of a larger edifice. A presence has to be built from the ground up, they say. Apart from creating leadership from these States, the primary face would be Mr. Owaisi's. The party has formed its committees in over a dozen States, including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal.

The Hyderabad parliamentarian, on many occasions, has asserted that a leadership from within the States has to be created, all the while assuring people that he would stand with them. Mr. Owaisi is well aware of the caste and *baradari* dynamics among the Muslim communities of States where these identities are pronounced. He has spoken against the oppression of the *pasmanda* Muslims at a time when there are sections in the Muslim community who maintain caste does not exist either in Islam, or among Muslims, or both.

But there are challenges that the party faces. The first, and oft-reiterated allegation is that of cleaving the Muslim vote resulting in a setback to parties who stand in opposition to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Stung by these allegations, Mr. Owaisi has sought to refute them time and again by citing polling figures which show otherwise, or by stating that the party has simply not contested in certain constituencies where other parties have lost. Despite this, the perception battle is still underway and appears to show no signs of a ceasefire.

The party's plans for its expansion in Telangana, which is likely to go to polls this December, continue to remain unclear. AIMIM floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi had triggered a political flutter in the Telangana Legislative Assembly during an exchange with Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister K.T. Ramarao, where he retorted that he would confer with the party president Asaduddin Owaisi and field candidates on 50 seats. The party president, on the other hand, remained non-committal.

So, will the AIMIM's plans to increase its presence across the country include an aggressive expansion on its home turf? With Mr. Owaisi remaining tight-lipped, only time will tell.

India not on-target in many women-related development goals

Goal to reduce anaemia among women, especially among those who are pregnant, is where India lags the most

DATA POINT

Agencies

A recent analysis published in *The Lancet* has concluded that India is not on-target to achieve 19 of the 33 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators. The critical off-target indicators include access to basic services, wasting and overweight children, anaemia, child marriage, partner violence, tobacco use, and modern contraceptive use.

For these indicators, more than 75% of the 707 districts analysed were off-target. And these off-target districts are concentrated in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Odisha.

The SDGs were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 with a vision to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. India is one of the signatory countries that has committed to achieving these goals by 2030. In this analysis, 33 SDG indicators were used to assess nine of the 17 official SDGs.

Chart 1 shows the distribution of districts in India based on their SDG indicator status. The bars are colour-coded based on the district status: Achieved-I, Achieved-II, On-Target and Off-Target.

Achieved-I: Districts that have already met the SDG target by 2021 and have either observed an improvement between 2016 and 2021 or a worsening small enough in magnitude between 2016 and 2021 such that they will still maintain their achieved status by 2030.

Achieved-II: Districts that have already met the SDG target by 2021 but have observed a worsening magnitude of change between 2016 and 2021. If this trend continues, the status of these districts as achieved will be undone by 2030.

On-Target: Districts that have not met the SDG target by 2021 and have observed a magnitude of improvement between 2016 and 2021 sufficient to meet the target by 2030.

Off-Target: Districts that have not met the SDG target by 2021 and either observed worsening between 2016 and 2021 or observed an insufficient magnitude of improvement between 2016 and 2021. If these districts continue with either of these trends, they will not meet their targets by 2030.

The five indicators with the highest number of districts that have met the target (achieved-I) are adolescent pregnancy (684 districts), tobacco use in women (478), multidimensional poverty (370), teenage sexual violence (340), and electricity access (306).

The five indicators with the most districts on-target are bank accounts (624 districts), improved sanitation (553), full vaccination (538), Internet use (502), and skilled birth attendants (438).

Indicators with the largest number of off-target districts include anaemia in women (644 districts), anaemia in non-pregnant women (643), access to basic services (613), anaemia in pregnant women (606), and health insurance for women (591).

For districts that are off-target on a given indicator, the time it will take to meet the SDG target post-2030 varies substantially. **Chart 2** shows the number of off-target districts where the SDG indicators will be met by 2035 or before, 2036 to 2040, 2041 or after, or never meeting.

The indicators with the largest number of districts that will meet their targets after 2040 are access to basic services (437), health insurance for women (334), own mobile phone for women (299), health insurance for men (296), and clean fuel for cooking (276).

Indicators with most districts that will never meet its targets at all are anaemia among women (430), anaemia in non-pregnant women (430), anaemia in pregnant women (396), wasting and overweight children (330), and partner's sexual violence (291).

Missing targets

The charts were sourced from the article titled, "Progress on Sustainable Development Goal indicators in 707 districts of India: a quantitative mid-line assessment using the National Family Health Surveys, 2016 and 2021" published by *The Lancet*

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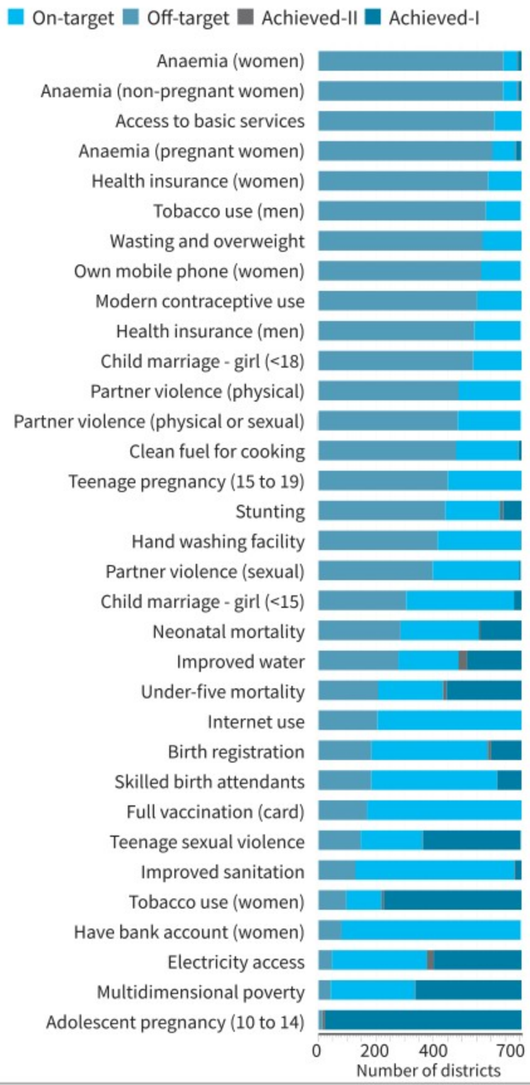

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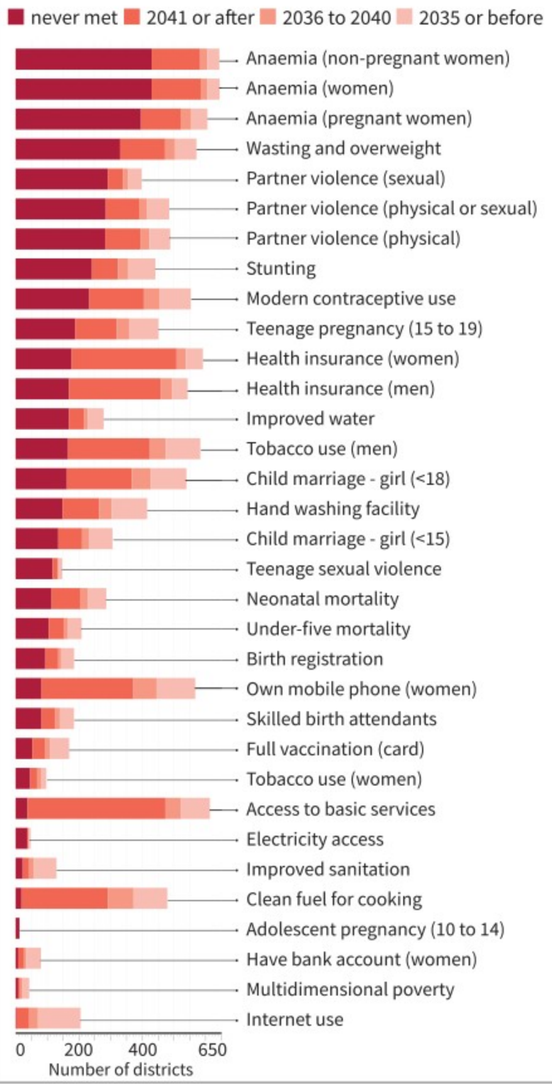

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FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 2, 1973

Destruction of plantation in Gudalur: 63 held

Ootacamund, March 1: Sheer cussedness seems to be the cause of the wanton destruction of 1,500 acres (650 hectares) of eucalyptus and 80 acres (32 hectares) of bamboo plantations of Tamil Nadu Forest Department on the night of February 14 in Munnanad and Erumad revenue villages in Gudalur taluk of the Nilgiris District resulting in a loss of Rs. 5,29,000. This includes damage caused to seven sheds, an oil engine and the seven-month-old eucalyptus and bamboo nurseries. It was a heart-rending night to see the devastated plantations either burnt down or trampled upon evidently by hundreds of people. After going round the ravaged areas, one feels that it was all a well laid plan to wreak vengeance upon the Tamil Nadu Government for the lawful measures taken by it to evict hundreds of encroachers on government land. According to Mr. Swaminathan, Collector of Nilgiris, over three-fourths of encroachments had been regularised by the issue of 3,000 pattas and over 90 percent of persons to whom pattas had been issued were Malayalees. This, he added, gave the lie to the allegation that Malayalees were being singled out for eviction. Enquiries show that inflammatory speeches were made at meetings in Gudalur town.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 2, 1923

Consulate dispute

London, March 1: The foreign office has received note from the United States Government stating that it is the latter's intention not to reopen the consulate Newcastle upon Tyne, which was closed in September last, following the withdrawal by Britain of the consulates, due to the allegation that difficulties were put in the way of visas of passports of passengers who did not promise to make the voyage on American vessels. It appears that Britain offered to withdraw the charges against the Consul and Vice-Consul without prejudice, provided the Consulate is reopened. The American Government, however, considers that thorough investigation has shown conclusively that the charges were unsubstantiated and demanded exoneration of the officials which Britain refused to do, hence the American decision. The dispute is curious because both sides are within their legal rights and no international law is involved.

From Page One

GST collections to surpass ₹1.49 lakh cr.

The cess collections included ₹792 crore on import of goods. "This month witnessed the highest cess collection... since implementation of GST," the Finance Ministry said about the February receipts that pertain to transactions done in January.

ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar said the divergence in revenue growth from imports (6%) and that from domestic transactions (15%) was interesting. "GST revenues from imports of goods are likely to have been dampened by the sequential and YoY contraction in merchandise imports in January 2023," she averred.

Mixed trends in States

Among the States, the collection trends were very mixed, with 15 States reporting growth in line with or higher than the 15% growth in domestic revenue, and 14 States seeing slower upticks.

Meghalaya was the only State to report a contraction in revenues, slipping 6% compared with February 2022. Among the major States, Andhra Pradesh's revenues jumped 39%, followed by the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir (33%), Bihar (24%), Haryana (23%), Tamil Nadu (19%) and Karnataka (18%). Revenue growth trailed the national average in Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Telangana, all of which saw an 8% rise. Odisha's GST kitty rose 10% along with Assam, while West Bengal, Punjab and Kerala reported a 12% uptick.

All five S-400 regiments expected to be delivered by early 2024

Insurance, reinsurance, and delayed payments remain major stumbling blocks in defence deals with Russia; after it was shut out of the global SWIFT system, India, Russia agree to conduct payments through the rupee-rouble arrangement

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Deliveries of five regiments of S-400 air defence systems under a $5.43-billion deal with Russia are expected to be completed by year-end or early 2024, according to official sources. However, issues of delayed payments as well as insurance and reinsurance remain major stumbling blocks delaying deals in the pipeline, an issue that would be in focus during Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's talks with his Indian counterpart, S. Jaishankar, on the sidelines of the G-20 Foreign Minsters' meeting taking place just after the first anniversary of the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Delivery of the third S-400 regiment has been completed, as acknowledged by Russia's Ambassador to India Denis Alipov earlier this month, which leaves the deliveries of two more regiments. The second and third regiments saw delays of a few months. There have been delays in "milestone payments".

Solid barrier: The Russian S-400 anti-aircraft missile launching system being displayed at the exposition field outside Moscow. AFP

The three regiments are deployed along the Northen, Eastern and western borders, sources said.

In July 2019, the Union government said in a written reply in Parliament that S-400 deliveries were "likely to be made by April 2023". In August 2022, speaking at the Army Expo in Moscow, the CEO of Russia's Rosoboronexport, Alexander Mikheyev, had said that they would deliver all five S-400 regiments to India by late 2023.

Meanwhile, the Indian Navy's Kilo class submarine, *INS Sindhuratna*, which just secured an extension of life in Russia, could not be brought back due to transportation issues. The initial plan was to move it by a transport dock ship directly from Russia, which didn't materialise, following which the Navy tried to transport the submarine by sea to Norway and then via a transport dock to India, which also did not materialise, sources said. It will now sail on its own, making port calls along the way, it has been learnt.

Major hurdle

Officials had acknowledged that transportation and finding cargo carriers outside the purview of sanctions and their insurance has been a major issue. Insurance and reinsurance is under discussion, also to avoid cargo ships under sanctions, as reported by *The Hindu* earlier.

India has contracted five S-400 regiments under a $5.43 billion or ₹40,291 crore deal as per a conversation rate of ₹74.2 against the dollar at the time, signed in October 2018. The deal has been delayed from the start over payment issues. With the looming threat of U.S. sanctions under CAATSA (Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act), the two sides had worked out payments through the rupee-rouble exchange.

The payments troubles compounded after Russia was shut out of the global SWIFT system for money transfers. India and Russia have agreed to conduct payments through the rupee-rouble arrangement after trying payments in euros as well.

UAPA, Arms Act sections added to Haryana terror case

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NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a supplementary chargesheet against three alleged associates of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI)-linked terrorist Harwinder Singh Sandhu, pertaining to the seizure of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), arms and ammunition in Haryana's Madhuban last May.

The arraigned accused have been identified as Akashdeep, Sukhbeer Singh and Jarmalpreet Singh. They were arrested in connection with the seizure of three IEDs, one pistol with two magazines, 31 rounds of ammunition and ₹1.3 lakh in cash from Gurpreet Singh, Amandeep Singh, Parminder Singh and Bhupinder Singh at the Bastara toll plaza.

According to the agency, the three were in touch with Sandhu and were accomplices of those arrested at the toll plaza.

Smuggling via drones

"They had also retrieved the consignment of arms, ammunition and explosives sent by Harwinder Singh Sandhu from across the border [Pakistan] via drones. Sandhu had sent these consignments to carry out terror attacks in the country in the name of BKI," said an official.

The consignment was being taken to Adilabad in Telangana at Sandhu's instance when they were intercepted by the police on May 5, 2022. Subsequently, the NIA took over the case and filed the first chargesheet against six accused, including Sandhu, on October 31 last year.

In the latest chargesheet, the NIA has invoked various provisions of the Indian Penal Code, UAPA, Arms Act and the Explosives Substances Act against the three accused.

The NIA has been probing multiple cases in which drones were used to smuggle drugs, explosives, weapons and cash from Pakistan.

Think tank loses FCRA licence for 180 days

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has suspended the FCRA registration of the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), a Delhi-based think tank, for 180 days.

A senior government official said the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) registration of the public policy research institution was suspended on February 27 "as *prima facie* violation of FCRA provisions were found".

The CPR's office was surveyed by the Income Tax Department on September 7, 2022.

FCRA registration is mandatory to receive foreign funds. The suspension means that the association will not be able to receive any fresh foreign donations or utilise the existing foreign donations without the Ministry's clearance.

Founded in 1973, the CPR, according to its website, is a "non-profit, non-partisan, independent institution dedicated to conducting research that contributes to high quality scholarship, better policies, and a more robust public discourse about the issues that impact life in India".

'Audits done by govt. agencies'

The CPR said in a statement that the Home Ministry had communicated the decision. "In September, the I-T [Income Tax] Department conducted an income tax survey on the CPR premises. As part of the survey follow-up, the CPR received several notices from the department. Following due process, detailed and exhaustive responses have been submitted. CPR has and continues to cooperate fully with the authorities," it said.

The centre added that the association is in complete compliance with the law and are routinely scrutinised and audited by government authorities, including the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

PM pitches for faster planned urbanisation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that the two main aspects of urban development in India were the development of new cities and modernisation of old urban systems.

He lamented that few planned cities had been built in the country since Independence.

Mr. Modi said that India was developing at a rapid pace and several new cities were going to be essential for the future.

The Budgetary allocation of ₹15,000 crore for this year will mark a new beginning of planned and systematic urbanisation in the country and it will gain momentum, he said.

Drone shot down in Punjab had flown in China and Pakistan: BSF

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Border Security Force (BSF) said on Wednesday that the forensic analysis of a quadcopter drone shot down near the Pakistan border in Punjab last year showed its footprint in China and Pakistan.

The BSF said the drone was flown once in Feng Xian district in China's Shanghai on June 11, 2022, and thereafter it had flown 28 times in Pakistan's Khanewal from September 24 to December 25 in 2022, before it was shot down.

The border guarding force said that a Pakistan quadcopter drone intruded into the Indian territory in Amritsar's Rajatal at about 7.45 p.m. on December 25, 2022.

Eagle eye: Members of the BSF displaying a drone gunned down near Rajatal border in Amritsar on December 25, 2022. FILE PHOTO

"BSF troops fired at the drone and it fell down before it could retreat. The drone was seized and sent to the BSF headquarters for forensic analysis," the BSF said. As per the drill, the troops tried to intercept the flying object by firing and the whole area was cordoned and police and other agencies were informed. An FIR was registered at the Garinda police station in Amritsar.

The use of drones from across the border to smuggle arms, ammunition and narcotics has increased in the past three years. The BSF, the Punjab Police and the Union Home Ministry have on several occasions flagged the issue of smuggling of drugs from Pakistan through drones. The BSF has deployed anti-drone technology in a few locations.

According to data compiled by the BSF, since 2020, as many as 30 drones have been intercepted along the Pakistan border. Barring three recoveries in Jammu (Indreshwar Nagar) and Rajasthan (Sri Ganganagar), 27 drones were shot down in Ferozepur, Amritsar, Abohar and Gurdaspur sectors in Punjab. This year alone, six drones have been shot down in Punjab and Rajasthan.

The Punjab government had informed a parliamentary committee on Home Affairs in 2022 that drones have been sighted over 133 times near the Pakistan border in the last two years.

Domestic LPG cylinder price hiked by ₹50

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The oil marketing corporations on Wednesday raised the price of domestic 14.2-kg LPG cylinder by ₹50 each and that of commercial 19-kg refill by ₹350.

The price of the domestic cylinder for households has consequently has shot up to ₹1,103 in Delhi; ₹1,102.50 in Mumbai; ₹1,118.50 in Chennai; and ₹1,129 in Kolkata.

Opposition parties have slammed the hike, and demanded a rollback. The move by Indian Oil, BPCL and HPCL comes amid mounting fears over rising prices across the board, with home and car loans becoming more expensive and growing uncertainties about job security, especially in the technology sector.

The latest LPG price hike follows close on the heels of the end of polling in a couple of northeastern States and just ahead of Holi.

Though the state-owned oil corporations are technically empowered to revise LPG prices every month, they tend to use this power more for commercial cylinders or the bigger refills used by establishments from tea stalls to restaurants. Following the latest revision, a 19-kg LPG cylinder costs ₹2,119.50 in Delhi; ₹2,071.50 in Mumbai; ₹2,268 in Chennai; and ₹2,221.50 in Kolkata.

The Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) hit out at the Modi-led government over the LPG price hikes, demanding an immediate rollback. Addressing a press conference at Congress headquarters in Delhi, party spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said the Union government could take lessons from Congress-ruled Rajasthan on how to keep cooking gas price below ₹500.

In the nine years of the BJP regime, Mr. Vallabh said the Union government had only paid a subsidy bill of ₹36,500 crore for LPG cylinders, while the Congress-led UPA government had paid ₹2.14 lakh crore in subsidies between 2004 and 2014.

Anti-defection law applies even if a faction splits from a party: SC at Sena hearing

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The anti-defection law applies even if a faction splits from a political party and manages to cobble up a majority within the party itself, the Supreme Court observed in a hearing in the political dispute between former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and incumbent Eknath Shinde.

"A split does not postulate that people who are party to the split leave the party... The Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) also operates when a group of persons, whether minority or majority, claim they belong to the same party," Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, heading a Constitution Bench, addressed Mr. Shinde's counsel, senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul.

Whether a faction was the majority or minority makes no difference under the Tenth Schedule, the Chief Justice said.

Mr. Shinde's faction had rebelled from the Thackeray government, managed to take a majority of the party's legislators to their side, leading to the fall of the government.

Question of authority

Mr. Kaul, however, asked whether Mr. Thackeray, without a majority on his side, had any moral or political authority to continue as Chief Minister.

To this, the Chief Justice Chandrachud, later on in the hearing, drew attention to the intervention of the Supreme Court and its order on June 27, giving Mr. Shinde and his camp of MLAs 12 days' leeway to respond to the then Deputy Speaker Narhari Zariwal's notice on the disqualification petitions against them. The Chief Justice said the situation would have been very different if the court had not intervened and the Speaker had disqualified them.

"Assume for a moment this court had not passed the order, the Speaker would have disqualified these people. If they were disqualified, the Governor would have then called for a trust vote with the one change that Mr. Shinde would not have been called upon to be the Chief Minister. Then the Governor would have called upon, perhaps the BJP, to form the government," the Chief Justice said.

Mr. Kaul said it was the Supreme Court's own judgment in *Nabam Rebia* which prevented the Speaker from taking action. Under the *Rebia* judgment, Mr. Zariwal had to clear his name before proceeding with the disqualification process against the Shinde camp.

However, the court agreed that the Speaker had acted in "post-haste" in dealing with the disqualification process.

SC to rule on selection to poll panel today

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench on Thursday is scheduled to pronounce its judgment on petitions seeking an "independent mechanism for appointment of Election Commissioners" outside the exclusive power of the government.

On the last day of the hearing, the court had observed that the appointment of Arun Goel as Election Commissioner had been carried out with "lightning speed", the procedure taking less than 24 hours on November 18 from start to finish.

The five-judge Bench led by Justice K.M. Joseph had heard separate petitions filed by advocates who had all argued that the selection process should be carried out by a high-level committee comprising the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and the CJI.

Meanwhile, the Centre had argued that the appointment was "consciously and deliberately" a part of the executive function of the State.

Loophole introduced in coal mines law to help Adani: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The party will conduct marches to the Raj Bhavans in the State capitals on March 13

Continuing with the series of questions on the Narendra Modi government's alleged bias in favour of the Adani group, the Congress on Wednesday pointed out an episode from March 2015, when, acting on the Supreme Court's directions to cancel prior coal mine allocations, the government brought in the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, but left a loophole in the law, allowing for the reappointment of the Adani Group in BJP-ruled States as mine developer and operator (MDO).

Stepping up the pressure on the government, the Congress also announced that on March 13 – the first day of the second part of the Budget Session – the party will conduct marches to the Raj Bhavans in the State capitals.

The party is also planning to hold *Pardafash* rallies (public meetings to expose the Modi-Adani relation) in districts by the end of March.

In Wednesday's statement, flagging Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement made on April 9, 2015, where he stated that the "conclusion of the auctions in coal and spectrum establishes that the curse of scam and corruption is avoidable and transparency possible if there is political will", Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "It is ironic that you spoke these words only two weeks after going out of your way to reallocate huge coal mines to your favourite business partner, after writing enabling provisions into the new coal law."

Despite raising the objections, the Coal Block Allocation Rules was only amended prospectively, leaving the "problematic Adani Group allocations untouched", he said.

He also claimed that the Adani Group is the sole beneficiary of the loophole.

New Delhi makes renewed push for consensus at G-20 meeting

Negotiators continue talks on breaking the impasse between Russia-China combine and G7-led countries over a jointly approved document at the Foreign Ministers' Meet; the former had objected to references to 'war' at Bengaluru event

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

G-20 negotiators met for a second late night on Wednesday to discuss breaking the impasse over a jointly approved document to be released at the end of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) on Thursday.

The push for a negotiated statement at the FMM was "ambitious", said sources, given that last week's Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting in Bengaluru failed to reach a consensus on a joint statement. Russia and China had objected to two paragraphs pertaining to the Russian "war" in Ukraine in the Chairman's summary and outcome document.

"Given the nature and the developing situation in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, we expect it will be a part of the discussions at the G-20 FMM," Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said on Wednesday, addressing a press conference where he refused to comment on hopes for a joint statement or text. "I don't think it would be correct for me to pre-judge the outcome of the FMM. I think we should let the plenipotentiaries of the G-20 decide that," he added.

Diplomats and officials confirmed to *The Hindu* that despite the stark differences between the Western countries and the Russia-China combine, the Indian government is still hopeful of preparing a text that will be cleared by all sides, with two distinct paragraphs being the sticking points. It was particularly uncertain whether Russia and China would accept the language of last year's Bali G-20 Joint Statement. Talks continued late into the night, just ahead of the meetings on Thursday.

Grand platform: The negotiations followed a 'gala dinner' hosted by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, which several of the visiting Foreign Ministers attended. @DRSJAISHANKAR/TWITTER

"Two countries, Russia and China, did not agree to that. You need to ask them about why exactly, on how their perspective is, or are they no longer with that text from Bali? You have to ask them," said Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, when asked about the differences in Bengaluru.

The negotiations on the document followed a "gala dinner" hosted by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, which several of the visiting Foreign Ministers attended. However, the Ministers from the U.S., China, France, Germany, Indonesia and a few other countries were due to land in New Delhi overnight, and missed the dinner.

Bilateral talks

Through the day, Mr. Jaishankar held a number of bilateral meetings ahead of the FMM, stressing the need for a consensus document to arise from the global economic body that includes 20 of the world's most developed and developing countries.

The Minister said he had a "wide-ranging discussion" with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, where they exchanged views on India-Russia bilateral cooperation and G-20 issues. Mr. Jaishankar is expected to hold talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang on Thursday, during Mr. Qin's first visit to India in this capacity. He is travelling to Delhi amid the military stand-off at the Line of Actual Control, which has been continuing since April 2020.

"China values its relations with India," Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Mao Ning said in Beijing, without confirming or denying whether the meeting would take place. "A sound China-India relationship meets the fundamental interests of both countries and peoples," she added.

Mr. Jaishankar also met the Ministers of the United Kingdom, Argentina, Nigeria, Mexico and the Netherlands, European Union High Representative Josep Borrell and the African Union Chair, who is also the Foreign Minister of Comoros, during the day.

On Tuesday evening, he had met the Foreign Ministers of Turkey and Brazil. Brazil and Indonesia, which form the "troika" of the immediately previous and future G-20 chairs, are seen as important partners for India in trying to bridge the divides between members over the G-20 agenda and Mr. Jaishankar noted that he discussed "the issues coming up at the Foreign Ministers' Meeting" with Brazilian FM Mauro Vieira. Indian G-20 negotiators also met with the delegations from Brazil and Indonesia on Wednesday morning, the sources said, in an attempt to make a renewed push for a jointly agreed-upon text.

(With inputs from Ananth Krishnan in Beijing)

India, Russia are consistent opponents of illegitimate unilateral sanctions: Lavrov

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NEW DELHI

India and Russia are "consistent opponents of illegitimate unilateral sanctions", Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said here on Wednesday.

Delivering a speech at the New Delhi World Book Fair, Mr. Lavrov recollected the correspondence between Leo Tolstoy and Mahatma Gandhi and called for a "polycentric" world order.

Ahead of Mr. Lavrov's arrival, the Russian Foreign Ministry said he would take up the suspected sabotage of the Nord Stream II gas pipeline during the "regular" segment of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting on Thursday.

"We are united by a firm commitment to building a more just and democratic polycentric world order. Moscow and New Delhi are consistent opponents of such neo-colonial practices as illegitimate unilateral sanctions, threats, blackmail, and other types of pressure on sovereign states," Mr. Lavrov said, articulating Russia's position against the Western sanctions that were imposed after President Vladimir Putin launched the attack on Ukraine on February 24, 2022.

"We consistently stand for respect for the cultural and civilisational diversity of the modern world, for the inalienable right of peoples to independently determine their own paths of development," Mr. Lavrov said. He also met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar soon after his arrival. He is expected to present Russia's ongoing military offensive in Ukraine forcefully during the Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

Mission mode: Sergey Lavrov attends the exhibition 'Leo Tolstoy – Mahatma Gandhi' in New Delhi on Wednesday. AP

Ahead of his arrival, the Russian Foreign Ministry hinted that Moscow's campaign in Ukraine would dominate Mr. Lavrov's agenda in Delhi. "We are set to clearly state Russia's assessments of the current security, energy and food situation. We will present an unbiased factual picture of the act of terrorism – the bombing of the Nord Stream gas pipeline in the EU and NATO zone of responsibility, and the illegal seizing of Russian humanitarian fertilizer shipments designated for African and other needy countries," the Foreign Ministry said.

Russia reiterated support for the Indian Presidency of G-20 and also said "we will firmly defend Russia's fundamental interests and an international world order based on the central role of the UN and international law".

"We will strongly promote recognition of the new global realities that assert a multipolar system of relations between states," the Ministry said.

Mr. Lavrov participated in the "Conversation over dinner" on Wednesday evening which was attended by several other Foreign Ministers of G-20 member countries including the host, Mr. Jaishankar.

The Russian Foreign Minister is expected to engage the Indian side to "further advance cooperation". During his three-day stay here the two sides are likely to discuss, the situation in Afghanistan, trade and investments, transport and logistics and "use of national currencies in mutual settlements as well as promising projects in the energy sector", the Foreign Ministry said.

U.K. Minister flags BBC tax survey in talks with Jaishankar

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NEW DELHI

British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly raised the issue of income tax survey on the BBC's New Delhi and Mumbai offices in bilateral talks with External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Wednesday. The authorities had searched the BBC's offices in mid-February, weeks after the BBC aired a documentary that was deeply critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government's relationship with India's Muslims.

"[The] U.K. Foreign Secretary brought up [the] BBC tax issue with [the] EAM today," a government source told *The Hindu*. "He was firmly told that all entities operating in India must comply fully with relevant laws and regulations," the source said.

Last week Mr. Jaishankar, in public remarks, had said the BBC documentary was a "hatchet job" and suggested that "election season" had begun in London and New York.

'BBC separate entity'

Mr. Cleverly confirmed in an interview with *ANI* on Wednesday that he had raised the BBC raids issue during his meeting with Mr. Jaishankar and told the EAM that the BBC was independent and " separate" from the British government.

British politicians, across the political spectrum, had expressed their outrage over the raids in the House of Commons last week and questioned the U.K. government on its engagement with the (Indian) government on the issue. The Tory government had strongly defended the BBC in the House of Commons.

Better relations: S. Jaishankar with U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly during a meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Mr. Cleverly is here for Thursday's G-20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) and the Raisina Dialogue, a conference co-hosted by the government. The U.K. Foreign Secretary also announced on Wednesday that Britain will appoint a 'Tech Envoy' to the Indo-Pacific, with a focus on India, the U.K. Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) said.

"India is also an emerging global leader on technology and there are immense opportunities for better collaboration between us in this sector. That is why we will be basing our first Tech Envoy to the Indo-Pacific region, to maximise the tech expertise of both countries," Mr. Cleverly said, in a statement. This is the second such appointment for the U.K.; a British tech envoy to the U.S. was appointed in 2020 and is based in San Francisco.

Bilateral ties

On the agenda for Wednesday's India-U.K. bilateral meeting was the 2030 Roadmap for a deepening of bilateral ties between the two countries. India and the U.K. are working on a 'free trade' deal with seven rounds of talks done, and an eighth round planned for end March, according to the government. They have also announced a scheme for young professionals, which will give 3,000 Indians and 3,000 Britons a pathway to live and work in each other's countries for up to two years.

At the G-20, Mr. Cleverly is expected to push global efforts on food and energy security, climate change and development, the FCDO said.

He is also expected to "continue to call Russia out at the G-20 and work with partners to mitigate the global impacts of the Russian aggression in Ukraine," the FCDO said, adding that even if the war were to end now, the effects on food insecurity would persist until 2027.

Verdict on Adani panel today

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday is scheduled to pronounce its judgment on the formation of an expert committee to examine Hindenburg Research firm's damning report on the Adani Group. A Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud had reserved the case on the point of constitution of the panel on February 17.

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Stage set: all eyes on Tripura, Meghalaya and Nagaland for counting of votes today

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The countdown to the 2024 Lok Sabha election is expected to begin with the outcome of the Assembly elections in three north-eastern States – Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura – on Thursday.

Each of these States has a 60-member House but elections were held for only 59 seats in Meghalaya following the death of a United Democratic Party (UDP) candidate, and in Nagaland where a BJP candidate was elected unopposed.

Election officials in these States said the counting of votes will take place under a three-tier security arrangement, primarily involving the Central paramilitary forces. Orders under Section 144 of the CrPC have been promulgated in and around the counting centres as a precautionary measure, they said.

Exit polls have hinted at the members of an anti-Congress forum retaining power.

The counting will be held at 13 centres across Meghalaya, 59 across Nagaland, and 60 across Tripura, officials said.

The BJP and its regional allies have been upbeat about forming the government in the three States after the exit polls hinted at the members of an anti-Congress forum retaining power. The BJP heads the forum called the North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA).

The Congress and the Trinamool Congress, with the latter investing heavily in Meghalaya, said the exit polls were "off the mark". Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, also faulted the exit polls for indicating the verdict could be fractured.

Press Council of India warns against publication of 'paid news' by the print media

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Press Council of India (PCI) on Wednesday advised the print media to follow the norms of Journalistic Conduct-2022 on 'paid news' during the elections in various States.

Stating that newspapers should not misconstrue or misquote the statements given by any leader, the Council said the statements quoted in editorial should project the true spirit of what was being tried to be conveyed by them.

"Columns of News items which largely indicate names of voters on caste basis and supporters of the candidate of particular political party, such tenor and manner of presentation of news establish the report to be paid news," it said.

Political news published in competing newspapers with similar content strongly suggests such reports to be paid news.

Two newspapers publishing same news item verbatim during election days is not accidental and it is evident that such news items have been published for consideration. The manner of presentation of a news item or a photograph that too in favour of a particular party or a candidate as also the appeal for voting in favour of a particular party is suggestive of paid news, it said.

It said projecting a candidate's success in election, who was yet to file a nomination, was also suggestive of paid news.

Reports on campaign meeting and enthusiasm because film stars were present cannot be termed paid news. "While covering news on election, the newspapers are advised to ensure balance in publishing report/interview of candidates. During the course of election, subject to conditions laid down by the Election Commission of India, newspapers are free to make an honest assessment of prospects of candidates or the parties and its publication would not be paid news so long it is not established that consideration passed on for such publication," it said.

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INBRIEF

Children's deaths in Kolkata spark fears of virus outbreak

Four children died from respiratory infections at different hospitals in Kolkata in a span of 24 hours on Wednesday, amidst fears of an adenovirus outbreak. Two deaths were reported at the Dr. B.C. Roy Post Graduate Institute of Paediatric Sciences while the other two were reported at the Calcutta National Medical College and Hospital. This comes a day after the deaths of five children were reported across hospitals in Kolkata. The State's Health Secretary, Narayan Swarup Nigam, said most of the children who died had "co-morbidities". He added that the number of paediatric beds would be augmented.

Bhima Koregaon case: NIA told to reply to bail petition

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday issued notice to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in a plea filed by four accused in the Bhima Koregaon caste violence case seeking default bail. A Division Bench of Justices A.S. Gadkari and P.D. Naik was hearing a plea filed by Mahesh Raut, Sudhir Dhawale, Shoma Sen and Rona Wilson, all arrested on June 6, 2018. The court directed the Central agency to file its response in three weeks. The petitioners have challenged an order of the special court in Pune under the Act, rejecting their default bail applications of 2019. They said the special judge had granted an extension to the NIA without having the jurisdiction to do so.

House of Atique Ahmed's close aide bulldozed in U.P.

The Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) on Wednesday demolished the house of an aide of criminal-turned-politician Atique Ahmed, located in Chakia, under the Kareli police station limits of Prayagraj, on the grounds of illegal construction. The house belonging to Khalid Zafar, a close associate of the former MP, had been under the radar of authorities for some time and notice had been issued in the past. It is estimated that the cost of the house was ₹2 crore. PDA Secretary Ajit Singh told reporters that some firearms were recovered from the house and had been handed over to the police. The construction was done without prior approval of the authority, he said.

Cabinet okays buying trainer aircraft, cadet training ships

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday gave approval for the procurement of 70 HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft at a cost of ₹6,828.36 crore for which the contract was sealed between the Indian Air Force and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. at the Def Expo last October, as well as acquisition of three Cadet Training Ships from Larsen & Toubro Limited at a cost of ₹3,108.09 crore under the Buy Indian-IDDM (Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured) category of procurement procedure. The ships will be built at L&T's shipyard in Kattupalli, Chennai. The project will generate employment of 22.5 lakh man-days over a period of 4.5 years.

Two Australian public universities to establish campuses in GIFT City

Australian Minister for Education Jason Clare is on a five-day visit to India to foster ties in education sector; the two countries are scheduled to enter into 10 MoUs and an agreement on mutual recognition of educational qualifications

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Two Australian government universities, Deakin University and University of Wollongong, will be the first foreign education institutions to set up campuses in GIFT City, Gujarat. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan made the announcement on Wednesday in the presence of Australia's Minister for Education Jason Clare, and former Australian cricketer Adam Gilchrist.

"In next week, another glorious chapter will be added. Two universities are coming to India. University of Wollongong and Deakin University will set up a campus in GIFT city of Gujarat. This is a step forward. India is committed to become a developed country in the next 25 years and to achieve that status we have to give focus on education," Mr. Pradhan said during a student engagement programme at Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, right, greeting Australian Education Minister Jason Clare in New Delhi. ANI

The Australian Minister for Education is on a visit to India from February 28 to March 4 to foster India-Australia relations in the field of education. The guests at the event included Australian High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell, and a delegation of Vice-Chancellors or Provosts of 21 Australian universities.

Vibrant journey

Mr. Clare shared his country's journey in the field of education in the past 50 years, and said that half a decade ago only 18% of children in Australia finished high school, a figure that was now at 90%. Similarly, only 7% finished a university degree, but today one in two does, he said.

"Twelve years into the future, under the National Education Policy 2020, by 2035, 50% of Indians would be in vocational or higher education. Over the next 10 years, something like two or three million Australians will go to a university, but in India in the next 10 years, 38 million or 39 million will do so. This is nation changing. This could mean one in four people who graduate from a university will graduate from here in India," the Australian Minister said.

There are about 70,000 Indian students studying in Australia. In the past 17 years, more than 1.5 million students have studied in Australia and more than 1,700 lecturers have an Indian ancestry, he said.

On Thursday, 10 MoUs will be signed between Indian and Australian universities. The two sides will also sign the Mechanism for the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications which locks in the rules for mutual recognition to access education in both countries.

'Australia, India will have to focus on economic ties'

Varghese K. George
NEW DELHI

Political and strategic ties between India and Australia have made great strides in the recent past, and the next steps in the bilateral relations will have to focus on economic cooperation, said Lisa Singh, former Australian Senator and CEO of the Australia India Institute.

"I am happy that we are in sweet spot for India-Australia ties, but there is still a long journey," Ms. Singh said. "There is a question of trust, there is a mindset which thinks of India as a place where it is hard to do business. That is an outdated mindset... Part of my remit has been to change that mindset," she said, citing the recent Track 1.5 Leadership Dialogue that brought together business and government leaders from both sides to Delhi.

BJP had highest income in 2021-22; Trinamool's saw biggest jump: ADR report

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

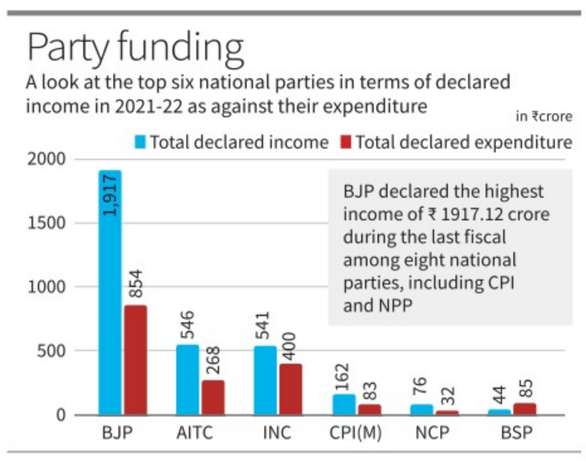
The Bharatiya Janata Party has shown the highest income of ₹1,917.12 crore during the financial year 2021-22 among eight national parties, according to an analysis by the Association of Democratic Reforms, an NGO working on electoral and political reforms. The All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) has declared the second highest earnings of ₹545.74 crore closely followed by the Indian National Congress (INC) at ₹541.27 crore.

The total income of eight national parties was ₹3,289.34 crore, of which the BJP's share was 58.28%.

The BJP's income has more than doubled from the ₹752.33 crore it had in the financial year 2020-21. Close to 54% of the BJP's income of ₹1,917.12 crore came from electoral bonds, said the report.

The income of the Trinamool Congress in the last fiscal was over seven times its income of ₹74.41 crore in 2020-21. Close to 97% of the ₹545.74 crore income came from electoral bonds.

The BJP, Congress, Trinamool and Nationalist Congress Party together collected 55.09% of their total income from donations through poll bonds. As compared with this, the CPI(M), the CPI, the Bahujan Samaj Party and the National People's Party, did not receive any funds through the controversial financial instrument.



As far as expenditure was concerned, the BJP spent only 44.57% or ₹854.46 crore of its income, while the Trinamool Congress spent 49.17% or ₹268.33 crore.

The Congress spent 73.98% of its income.

Most of the BJP's expenses went towards election and general propaganda, which cost the party ₹645.85 crore, followed by expenses towards administrative costs at ₹133.316 crore.

The Trinamool Congress spent ₹135.12 crore on election expenditure, which was followed by spending towards administration and general expenses, while the Congress spent ₹279.737 crore on election expenditure, followed by ₹90.12 crore on administrative and general expenses.

The report said that the income of the NPP, the BSP and the CPI(M) decreased by 32.38%, 16.56% and 5.15%, respectively, while the CPI's rose from ₹2.12 crore to ₹2.87 crore.

Scheduled Tribes panel requisitions FRA action reports from top court

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Title rights have been issued against just 50% of the claims over forest land made under the FRA as of June 2022

In the middle of a face-off with the Environment Ministry over the new Forest Conservation Rules (2022) potentially diluting the Forest Rights Act, 2006, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has now secured FRA implementation reports of all States and Union Territories by invoking its Constitutional powers to approach the Supreme Court directly.

After the Union government introduced the new FCR, the panel wrote to the Environment Ministry in September, asking that they be put on hold because they would violate provisions of the FRA, which ensures that ownership of forest land remained with tribespeople and other traditional forest dwellers, who live off the forest and its resources.

In response, Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav insisted that the rules were framed under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and that the panel's apprehension was "not legally tenable".

The commission on February 3 wrote to the Supreme Court Registrar, invoking powers under Clause 8d of Article 338A, to seek all materials filed before the court in connection with a batch of petitions challenging the constitutionality of the FRA. The top court on February 20 ordered that the documents be supplied to the commission.

Sources in the commission said it was looking to review the overall implementation of the FRA at the ground level, examine rejection of titles and encroachments on forest land. It will propose recommendations to further secure the rights of tribespeople, under its Constitutional mandate.

"This will be part of the report sent to the Office of the President, which will then table it in Parliament. Hence, we went to court for 'authentic information'," the source said.

According to data tabled in Rajya Sabha in December 2022, title rights had been issued against just 50% of the claims over forest land made under the FRA as of June 2022, with maximum pendency and rejection seen in cases of individual claims – a little over half of which had been rejected or left pending.

However, in community claims, titles were given to 60% of the claimants.

Among the documents that the panel has now requisitioned from the Supreme Court are FRA implementation reports filed by all States and Union Territories, the number of claims rejected, the process and reasons for rejection, and the action taken against claimants whose applications were rejected.

While hearing the case, the three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court had in 2019 noted that in thousands of cases, eviction had not been carried out despite rejection of claims and ordered all State governments to carry out evictions as soon as possible.

But later, the top court stayed its earlier order and called for all rejection records of claims under FRA.

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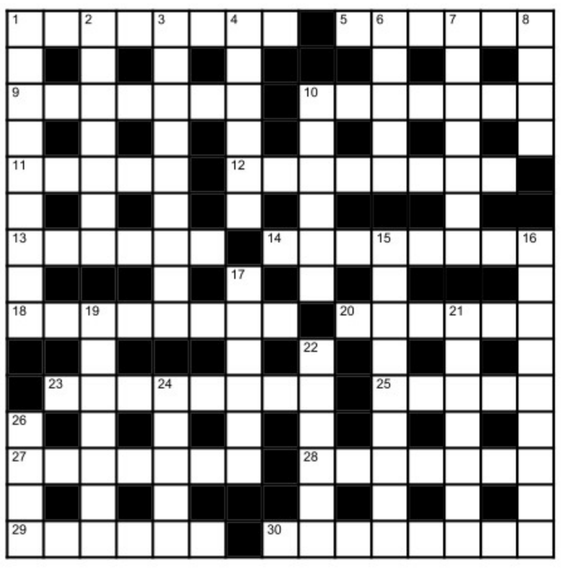

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13 Statement of customs dues (6)
14 Selection of literature for me — revolutionary Annabhau Sathe, perhaps (8)
18 This process takes three to nine seconds, as reactivity is not great initially (8)
20 Adventurous, free-thinker alien going for love (6)
23 My companions and I intend to drink primarily, parting very loaded (4-2-2)
25 Reggae, finally, after endless country music (5)
27 Drunkard returns drinks (they are unpredictable) (4-3)
28 Non-stop liquor leads to trouble? Exactly, that's related (7)
29 Deeply, loudly rejected dropping regulars and calmed down (6)
30 Chant quietly treasured by retired antique person like me (8)

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1 Priest comforts losing American forces (9)
2 Upset Nepali girl making an appeal (7)
3 Transformative device essentially planned in secret room with critical care (9)
4 A student, idle, rolled joint (6)
6 They shoot infiltrating forces, resulting in retaliation (5)
7 Perfect parent supporting pot freely? Yours truly! (7)
8 A horse, a rook, a bishop (4)
10 Desired jackfruit-cheddar sandwiches (6)
15 Busy penguin's put in work for accelerating (7,2)
16 Klepto periodically involved in dodgy career as conman (9)
17 Ambassador's very put out by Judge's fancies (6)
19 Device blocks signal — is net usage up? (7)
21 Weird, barmy old lad embodying Britain (7)
22 Secretly chomp on chorizo wrap (6)
24 Short tough drill (a watchmaker's tool) (5)
26 Dead rising and other things... (2,2)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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3	5	9	7	4	6	1	2	8

FAITH

The source of support

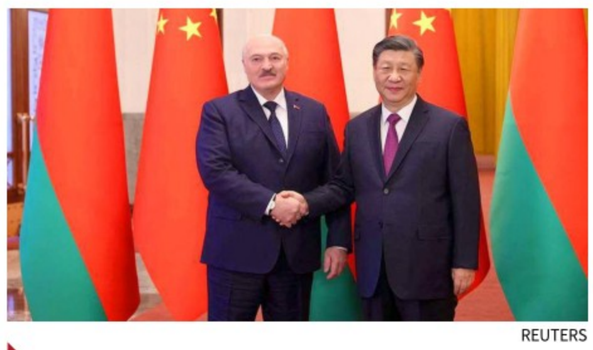
We need the support of many people in life – parents, good friends, teachers and men of high moral calibre, elaborated R. Narayanan, in a discourse. Thiruvalluvar says that there can be nothing more auspicious for a man than to have a good wife. If he also has good children, then that is like being endowed with valuable ornaments. A good wife is a source of strength to her husband, especially when he faces troubles, financial or otherwise.

We must seek the company of virtuous people, for they are the ones who sustain the world through their upright conduct. The Tamil work Moothurai says that water which is used to irrigate crops, also flows to weeds, and keeps them alive. We get copious rains only because of the presence in this world of men with laudable traits. We also benefit because of this, though we may lack such sterling qualities. We may not have intrinsic merits, but association with great men will work to our benefit. We must find people who never deviate from the moral path, and befriend them. We should see them as our relatives.

Learned men can guide us to take the right path. It is important that a ruler of a country takes the advice of scholars. Thiruvalluvar says that a ruler who takes the advice of men of learning can never be defeated. An honest man, who has all desirable virtues, cannot tolerate even a small blemish in his character. Even if he makes a small mistake, he will repent for it, and be ashamed of what he has done. Life is full of hurdles, and it is like traversing a slippery path. Just as a man on a slippery path needs a stick to help him maintain his balance, so also do we need the help of great men to help us through life.

BEIJING

China and Belarus Presidents call for Ukraine ceasefire, talks



REUTERS

The Presidents of China and Belarus joined on Wednesday in urging a ceasefire and negotiations to bring about a political settlement to the Ukraine conflict. The joint call came in a meeting in Beijing between Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, a close ally of Russia, and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping. AP

LONDON

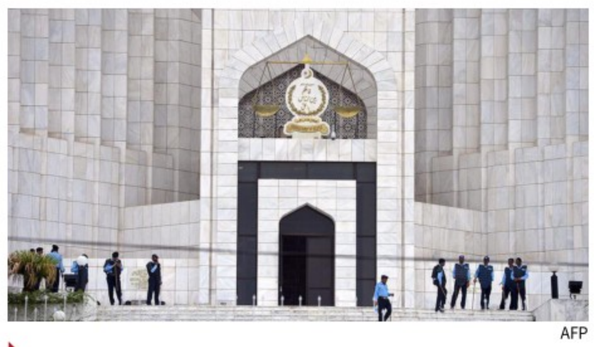
President-elect Tinubu best man for job, says Nigeria's Buhari

AP

President Muhammadu Buhari on Wednesday congratulated the winner of Nigeria's Presidential elections, Bola Ahmed Tinubu (in picture), saying he was the best man for the job. Mr. Tinubu of All Progressives Congress won 8.8 million votes against 6.9 million for Peoples Democratic Party candidate Atiku Abubakar. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan top court orders elections in two provinces within 90 days



AFP

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Wednesday ordered the election commission to hold elections in the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces within 90 days. The Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assemblies were dissolved on January 14 and 18, respectively, by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party. PTI

DUBAI

Tehran expels 2 German diplomats days after latter expels 2 Iran staff

AFP

Iran on Wednesday declared two German diplomats as *personae non gratae* and ordered them to leave the country, accusing Berlin of interfering in Tehran's judicial affairs. The move came after Germany expelled two employees of the Iranian embassy last week in response to Iran sentencing a German national to death. REUTERS

Lab accident 'most likely' caused pandemic: FBI chief

Earlier this week, the Department of Energy had made similar claims; however, other American intelligence agencies believe the virus emerged naturally; China calls it a smear campaign

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

FBI Director Christopher Wray said on Tuesday his agency believes the COVID-19 pandemic was "most likely" caused by an incident in a laboratory in Wuhan, China. "The FBI has for quite some time now assessed that the origins of the pandemic are most likely a potential lab incident in Wuhan," Mr. Wray said in an interview with *Fox News*.

The comments come after a report earlier this week said the U.S. Department of Energy had determined that a leak from a Chinese lab was the most likely cause of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Verbal spat: FBI Director Christopher Wray at a news conference in Washington in January. AP

Other agencies differ

However, other agencies within the American intelligence community believe the virus emerged naturally in the world.

In the interview, Mr. Wray also accused the Chinese government of trying to stall U.S. efforts to investigate the causes of the pandemic.

"The Chinese government... has been doing its best to try to thwart and obfuscate the work here, the work that we're doing, the work that our U.S. government and close foreign partners are doing," Mr. Wray said.

Chinese officials have angrily denied the claim, calling it a smear campaign against Beijing.

The scientific community sees it as crucial to determine the origins of the pandemic in order to better fight or even prevent the next one.

Meanwhile, Beijing accused Washington on Wednesday of harming its own credibility.

"The United States once again stirs up the laboratory leak theory, which will not discredit China, which will further lower its own credibility," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a regular briefing.

China's claim

At Wednesday's press briefing, Ms. Mao reiterated a long-standing and unsubstantiated Chinese claim that the virus could have escaped from the U.S. military research lab at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

"The U.S. should respect science and facts, cooperate with the World Health Organization, invite international experts to conduct traceability research in its country, and share research results with the international community," she said.

Ukraine forces may pull out of Bakhmut, says official

Associated Press
KYIV

The Ukrainian military might decide to pull troops back from the key stronghold of Bakhmut, an adviser to Ukraine's President said on Wednesday as Russia pursued a bloody, months-long offensive to capture the city. "Our military is obviously going to weigh all of the options. So far, they've held the city, but if need be, they will strategically pull back," Alexander Rodnyansky, an economic adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, told *CNN*. "We're not sacrificing all of our people just for nothing."

He noted that Russia was using the best troops of the Wagner Group to try to encircle the city.

Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said that his country had survived Mr. Putin's "winter terror." "We survived the most difficult winter in our history," Mr. Kuleba wrote on Facebook.

Head-on collision between trains kills 36 in Greece

Agence France-Presse
LARISSA

At least 36 people were killed and 66 injured when two trains collided head-on near the Greek city of Larissa, authorities said, as emergency services raced Wednesday to find survivors among the charred wreckage. Several carriages were almost completely destroyed in the collision between a passenger train and a freight train just before midnight on Tuesday, with at least one car appearing to catch fire and trap passengers inside.

"I've never seen anything like this in my entire life," said one rescue worker. "It's tragic. Five hours later, we are finding bodies." Several cars had overturned or caught fire when they came off the tracks in the impact, leaving a tangled mess of metal and shattered glass.

Fatal crash: Rescue work under way in Larissa, Greece on Wednesday after two trains collided. REUTERS

A police spokesman said the station master had been arrested, and charges would be announced shortly. Government spokesman Yiannis Economou said the two trains were left running on the same track for "several kilometres." The passenger train, carrying 350 people, had been travelling from the capital Athens to Thessaloniki.

Health Minister Thanos Plevris said most passengers were "young people", with the train carrying many students returning to Thessaloniki after a long holiday weekend.

Some 150 firefighters and 40 ambulances were mobilised for the response, according to Greek emergency services.

Sri Lanka's worker unions go on defiant strike

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Workers from nearly 40 trade unions in Sri Lanka, employed in sectors including banking, public health and ports, on Wednesday went on a strike, despite an executive order from President Ranil Wickremesinghe declaring many services "essential", to effectively outlaw protests by workers in those sectors.

Doctors at Sri Lanka's National Hospital in Colombo said they would be available for emergency cases alone. The Government Medical Officers Association (GMOA) asked its members to stay away from private practice, too. While buses in capital Colombo plied in several central areas, banks limited their services to a few hours in the morning.

Teacher unions said members would display black flags at schools, while other union leaders warned that they would organise more protests and demonstrations in the coming days, and continue reporting sick at work.

A man waits in a hospital during a strike in Colombo.

Niroshan Gorakanage, spokesman for a port workers' union told the media: "This is a one-day match. This will be followed by a test match soon. Therefore, the authorities must respond if they want to avoid it."

The workers are protesting against the Wickremesinghe government's recent policies aimed at economic reform, ahead of a likely $2.9-million package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In preparation for the programme that Sri Lanka hopes will bail its economy out of last year's painful crash, the government raised taxes two-fold, and tripled the electricity tariff, which workers across sectors say have begun hitting them hard. Especially with inflation persisting over 50%, families are struggling to make ends meet.

The protesting workers also criticised authorities for postponing the local government elections, scheduled on Match 9 earlier, citing the "lack of funds". The mass trade union action comes even as the political opposition slams the government for postponing elections in an "anti-democratic" move.

The Wickremesinghe government has also come under attack for police force being unleashed at protesters.

Indian state-owned firm sold arms to Myanmar, say activists

Agence France-Presse
BANGKOK

An Indian state-owned arms manufacturer has shipped artillery barrels to military-ruled Myanmar, an activist group said on Wednesday.

The Army has used artillery barrages and air strikes against Opposition groups as it struggles to crush resistance, according to rights organisations.

In October, Yantra India Ltd sent 20 gun barrels to Myanmar measuring 122 millimetres, shipping data obtained by Justice for Myanmar shows.

The consignee for the cargo, which was valued at $330,000, was Innovative Industrial Technologies Company, based in Yangon, they said.

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BIDDING
No. IIE-60/2022-248 /OSSSC Dated 01/03/2023
CANCELLATION OF BID NOTIFICATION NO.1581/OSSSC DATED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

The Bid Notification No.1581/OSSSC dated 30th September 2022 of this Commission inviting interested bidders for selection of recruitment Service Provider is hereby cancelled since, no bidder has qualified in the Technical Bid. The EMD deposited in favour of OSSSC will be refunded to the unqualified Bidders.

Secretary

T-256 OIPR-09007/11/0056/2223

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
KMF Complex, Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536625 / 25536789 Fax: 080-25536105.

IFT:NO. KMF/ENGG/Solar Group Captive/2022-23 Date: 01.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - 3rd CALL
[THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY]

The Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible tenderers to Design, Finance, Installation, Commissioning, Synchronization, with Operations & Maintenance for a period of 25 years of capacity 110 MW Solar Power Plant on Group Captive Mode. The interested and reputed suppliers / manufacturers / firms who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Design, Finance, Installation, Commissioning, Synchronization, with Operations & Maintenance for a period of 25 years of approximate capacity 110 MW Solar Power Plant on Group Captive Mode.	1 Job	4,31,00,000/-	18 months (Execution) 25 Years Operation & Maintenance)

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: 02.03.2023 to13.03.2023 up to 4.00 pm.
2. Last date for Tender submission date:13.03.2023 up to 4.00 pm
3. Pre-bid meeting date: 06.03.2023 at 11.30 am
4. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 14.03.2023 at 04.30 pm.

Henceforth changes/modification in the tender, it will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

For KARNATAKA MILK FEDERATION LTD,
Sd/-
Director [Engineering-2]

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Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Ltd. on behalf of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation invites two Separate i.e. **(i)** Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of service provider for Mechanized and Manual Housekeeping services at Sabarmati Riverfront on West side in city of Ahmedabad **(ii)** Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of service provider for Mechanized and Manual Housekeeping services at Sabarmati Riverfront on East side in city of Ahmedabad. e-Tenders can be downloaded from our website www.ahmedabadcity.gov.in / www.nprocure. com or www.sabarmatiriverfront.com, from 3/3/2023 to 3/4/2023 till 16.00 Hrs.

Date: 01-03-2023 **Executive Director, SRFDCL**

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File No. HO/Civil/T&E-E-4604/01/2022/6242 Dt.27.02.23
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (CIVIL), IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR
Bid Identification No. Civil/EST-49/2022-23
NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

1. Name of the Work : Construction of New Regional Center for Disability Rehabilitation (RCDR) at Sambalpur.
2. Value of the Work : Rs.450.97/- (Approx.)
3. Period of completion : 09 (Nine) Calendar Months
4. Availability of tender online for Bidding
   i. Start Date : 18:00 Hours of Dt. 09.03.2023
   ii. End Date : 17:00 Hours of dt. 23.03.2023
   iii. Opening date : 11:30 Hours of dt. 24.03.2023.

Tender details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: **www.tendersorissa.gov.in.** Corrigendum or Addendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can be seen in e-procurement portal as well as in IDCO website.

CAD-4982: **Chief General Manager (Civil), IDCO, Bhubaneswar**
OIPR-14003/11/0311/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR
AT/PO-NAYABAZAR, CUTTACK-753004, Tel No.0671-2444488, Email-serw_kpd@yahoo.com

No:- Tender Online RCK - 08/23 **e-Procurement NOTICE** Letter No.-715 Date:- 27.2.23

1. Name of the Work : Tender for the Building projects of Constn. Of R.I. Office-cum-Residence during 2022-23 in the Dist. of Jajpur.
2. No. of Works : 6 (Six) nos. of Building Works
3. Class of Contractor : As Specified in the Column - 6 of the Annexure.
4. Time for Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure.
5. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
6. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender Online RCK- 08/23	04.03.2023 at 11.30 A.M.	18.03.2023 to 5.00 P.M.	17.03.2023 up to 2.00 P.M.	20.03.2023 at 11.30 A.M.	To be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**
O-1924: **D.P.Karan, Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur**
OIPR-25129/11/0057/2223

INBRIEF

NMDC iron ore output grew 4% in Feb., sales declined 4.78%

NMDC Ltd. on Wednesday reported 4% growth in iron ore production at 4.48 million tonnes (MT) in February compared with 4.31 MT a year earlier. Sales of iron ore declined 4.78% to 3.78 MT in February compared with 3.97 MT in the same month of last year, according to a filing. Iron ore production during April-Feb. fell 4.19% to 35.62 MT from 37.18 MT in the year earlier. PTI

Natco Pharma unveils copy of cancer drug in Canada

Drugmaker Natco Pharma has introduced a generic version of cancer drug Pomalidomide Capsules in Canada. It is the first generic alternative to Celgene Corporation's Pomalyst brand in the country and is approved by Health Canada. Pomalidomide is used in combination with Dexamethasone and Bortezomib for treatment of adults with multiple myeloma. Natco said it had unveiled pomalidomide under Nat-Pomalidomide brand and in strengths of 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg and 4 mg capsules.

Power consumption grew 9% to 117.84 billion units in Feb.

India's power consumption logged a year-on-year growth of more than 9% to 117.84 billion units in February this year, according to official data. The robust growth of power consumption indicates sustained momentum of economic activities in February. Experts had earlier said that power consumption and demand would register a substantial increase in March due to further improvement in economic activities as well as rise in temperature. In February 2022, power consumption stood at 108.03 billion units. PTI

February PMI signals steady expansion in manufacturing

Job growth faltered, but business confidence improved, S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' survey shows; input costs surged at fastest pace in four months

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's manufacturing sector clocked the twentieth straight month of output growth and new orders in February, driven mostly by the domestic market as growth in export orders hit an 11-month low, as per the survey-based, seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI).

The index was at 55.3 in February, fractionally below January's 55.4.

Steady state

Manufacturing expansion stayed the course last month, with S&P Global's PMI easing marginally to 55.3 from 55.4 in January

- Electronic components, energy, foodstuff, metals and textiles pushed up input costs
- Overall output charges rose at the slowest rate in three months as firms absorbed costs
- Business confidence improved in February, with firms expecting demand strength, new product releases

Input costs surged at the fastest pace in four months, with firms mentioning higher prices for electronic components, energy, foodstuff, metals and textiles. However, 94% of producers opted to absorb the higher costs rather than pass them on to buyers, and overall output charges rose at the slowest rate in three months.

Despite robust new-orders growth, job creation, which had hit the slowest pace in January since September, eased further to a fractional expansion.

"Companies signalled only mild pressure on their own operating capacities, with outstanding business increasing marginally... As a result, there was little-change to overall job numbers," S&P Global said.

Moody's cuts India's FY23 GDP growth forecast to 6.8% from 7%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Global rating major Moody's Investors Service has scaled down its GDP growth forecast for India's economy to 6.8% for 2022-23, from an earlier projection of 7%. At the same time, it raised the growth projection for fiscal 2023-24 to 5.5%, from the 4.8% rate it had reckoned in November 2022.

India is among several G20 economies, including the U.S., China, Russia and the Euro area, whose 2023 growth projections were raised by Moody's in an update to its global macroeconomic outlook late on February 28.

The credit rating firm attributed these revisions to strong data from the second half of 2022 that "created large carry-over effects for 2023".

'Sharp increase'

"In the case of India, the upward revisions additionally incorporate the sharp increase in capital expenditure budget allocation to ₹10 trillion (3.3% of GDP) for the fiscal year 2023-24, up from ₹7.5 trillion for the fiscal year ending in March 2023," Moody's explained.

In January, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its World Economic Outlook said it was expecting some slowdown in the Indian economy next fiscal year and projected the growth to ease to 6.1%, from 6.8% during the current fiscal ending March 31.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,411	0.76
US Dollar	82.58	–
Gold	55,955	0.72
Brent oil	83.38	-0.47

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1564.30	200.45
Adani Ports	602.10	9.65
Apollo Hosp	4413.80	12.15
Asian Paints	2840.90	12.10
Axis Bank	865.15	21.05
Bajaj Auto	3731.65	70.45
Bajaj Finserv	1343.90	9.00
Bajaj Finance	6154.85	42.75
Bharti Airtel	750.20	7.95
BPCL	315.90	-1.45
Britannia Ind	4379.80	-81.95
Cipla	899.60	-6.80
Coal India	218.75	3.35
Divis Lab	2845.30	19.70
Dr Reddys Lab	4344.20	27.60
Eicher Motors	3138.80	32.90
Grasim Ind	1593.65	15.10
HCL Tech	1101.10	23.50
HDFC	2618.30	8.85
HDFC Bank	1598.05	-1.55
HDFC Life	489.75	0.95
Hero MotoCorp	2431.10	12.00
Hindalco	413.05	13.85
Hind Unilever	2466.25	5.60
ICICI Bank	856.30	1.45
IndusInd Bank	1100.45	22.75
Infosys	1496.05	8.50
ITC	378.70	2.00
JSW Steel	676.70	9.50
Kotak Bank	1744.90	15.65
L&T	2115.30	6.15
M&M	1272.15	2.55
Maruti Suzuki	8764.15	139.80
NestleIndia	18778.85	108.85
NTPC	172.25	1.75
ONGC	154.80	2.75
PowerGrid Corp	218.90	-3.35
Reliance Ind	2343.90	21.35
SBI Life	1118.15	-2.85
State Bank	536.70	13.90
Sun Pharma	959.30	2.70
TataConsumerProduct	715.25	-0.05
Tata Motors	426.00	5.30
Tata Steel	105.50	1.55
TCS	3385.70	72.85
Tech Mahindra	1126.90	26.65
Titan	2382.40	9.60
UltraTech Cement	7274.15	12.85
UPL	713.30	19.10
Wipro	390.95	3.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.31	82.63
Euro	87.70	88.05
British Pound	99.00	99.39
Japanese Yen (100)	60.65	60.89
Chinese Yuan	11.97	12.02
Swiss Franc	87.79	88.13
Singapore Dollar	61.37	61.62
Canadian Dollar	60.51	60.75
Malaysian Ringitt	18.40	18.48
Australian Dollar	55.66	55.89

Source:Indian Bank

Automakers log strong sales; Feb. PV dispatches rise 11%

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Maruti's Srivastava said there was some impact on demand for new cars due to rise in interest rates

Driven by strong demand, the overall passenger vehicle (PV) dispatches rose 11% year-on-year and crossed 3.35 lakh units in February as automakers, including Maruti Suzuki India, reported robust sales.

India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India said its domestic wholesales rose 11% to 1,55,114 units.

Senior ED Marketing & Sales Shashank Srivastava said during April-February this fiscal, overall industry sales had risen to 35.5 lakh compared with 27.47 lakh in the year-earlier period.

"In this fiscal, we have already dispatched 15.08 lakh units, a growth of 23%," he noted.

Rate impact

Mr. Srivastava also said there had been some impact on demand for new cars on account of an increase in interest rates by banks and NBFCs.

He said the order book stretched to about 3.69 lakh units. However, chip shortage continued to hamper production.

Hyundai Motor India saw its domestic wholesales rose 7% to 47,001 units. Tata Motors said PV sales rose to 43,140 units as against 40,181 units. M&M said dispatches rose 10% to 30,358 units.

Kia India reported a 36% year-on-year increase in domestic wholesales to 24,600 units. Toyota Kirloskar Motor said its domestic wholesales increased 75% to 15,338 units.

In the two-wheeler space, Bajaj Auto said total domestic sales rose 36% to 1,53,291 units.

Petrol, diesel sales surged in February after winter lull

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's fuel demand witnessed the sharpest rebound in February as petrol and diesel consumption rose by double digits after a winter lull in the previous month, preliminary industry data showed on Wednesday.

Petrol sales of state-owned fuel retailers jumped 12% to 2.57 million tonne in February. Diesel, the most-used fuel in the country, posted a 13% rise in sales during February to 6.52 million tonne.

Adani said to secure $3 billion in credit

Reuters
HONG KONG

India's Adani Group has told creditors it has secured a $3 billion loan from a sovereign wealth fund, two sources with knowledge of the matter said, as the embattled conglomerate seeks to ease debt concerns after a short-seller attack.

The credit line could be increased to $5 billion, the sources said, citing a memo circulated to participants as highlights of a investor roadshow that ended on Wednesday.

A third person familiar with the matter said Adani's management told investors the fund was from the Middle East.

The news comes a day after group management told bondholders it expected to prepay or repay share-backed loans worth $690 million to $790 million by the end of March.

India's jobless rate rose to 7.45% in Feb., says CMIE

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India's unemployment rate rose to 7.45% in February from 7.14% in the previous month, data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) showed on Wednesday.

The urban unemployment rate declined to 7.93% in February from 8.55% in the previous month.

Rural unemployment rate rose to 7.23% from 6.48%, according to the CMIE data.

'Outlook for banking sector remains stable'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Moody's Investors Service said the banking sector outlook remains stable and is supported by economic growth and improved financials.

"While we expect the country's real GDP growth to moderate in the fiscal year ending March 2024 (fiscal 2024), India's underlying growth potential is fundamentally strong, which will support banks' credit growth and asset quality," Moody's said.

However, loans to small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) continue to pose risks to banks' asset quality because this segment is the most vulnerable to rise in interest rates.

Stating banks' asset quality will be stable, it said non-performing loan ratios will decline modestly on legacy problem-loan recoveries and write-offs.

Rane Holdings' stake in engine valve arm rises by 2.19%

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Rane Holdings Ltd.'s (RHL) shareholding in subsidiary Rane Engine Valve Ltd. (REVL) has increased 2.19% to 57.28% due to partial conversion of 5.15 lakh warrants into equity shares for about ₹10 crore.

RHL was issued 3,43,642 lakh shares at a price of ₹291 per share.

The balance 1.72 lakh warrants are due for conversion by September 8, the company said in a regulatory filing.

Axis closes Citibank India deal at a lower value of ₹11,630 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Axis Bank has announced the closure of its acquisition of Citibank's consumer business for a total purchase consideration of ₹11,603 crore ($1.41 billion).

This is lower than the ₹12,325 crore ($1.6 billion) when the deal was announced in March 2022.

The deal comprises sale of Citibank India's consumer businesses which include loans, credit cards, wealth management and retail banking operations.

It also includes the sale of the consumer business of Citi's non-banking financial company Citicorp Finance (India) Ltd.

"This is a significant milestone in Axis' journey of growth and leadership in the banking industry and is set to bring great value for all stakeholders involved," said MD & CEO Amitabh Chaudhry. "The premium portfolio and business synergies, through this deal, will help accelerate and add momentum to our already robust plans across priority segments."

Sport

Malaala for upper division of Poet's Dream Plate

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer R.H. Sequeira's Malaala, who won well in her last start, may repeat her performance in the Poet's Dream Plate (Div. I), the chief event of the concluding day's races to be held here on Thursday (Mar. 2).

1 ONTARIO PLATE (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 12.50 p.m.: 1. Top Diamond (2) P. Sai Kumar 60, 2. Ok Boss (1) Deepak Singh 59, 3. Temptations (5) Ajay Kumar 59, 4. Golden Forza (8) Kiran Naidu 58.5, 5. Explosive (7) Rafique Sk. 55.5, 6. Power Ranger (4) R.S. Jodha 55, 7. Keep Faith (3) Afroz Khan 54, 8. Burgundy Black (–), 9. Pedro Planet (–) and 10. Protocol (6) G. Naresh 51.5.
1. POWER RANGER, 2. TOP DIAMOND, 3. GOLDEN FORZA

2 WAR CRY PLATE (1,400m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 1.20: 1. Decoy (1) A.A. Vikrant 56, 2. Ice Blue (5) R.S. Jodha 56, 3. Smart Striker (3) B. Nikhil 56, 4. Stunning Art (–), 5. Alcahol Free (–), 6. Moon Walk (6) Gaurav Singh 54.5, 7. Oskars Glory (2) Abhay Singh 54.5, 8. Pocket Rocket (7) Mohit Singh 54.5, 9. Santa Barbara (4) Afroz Khan 54.5 and 10. Toffee (8) P. Sai Kumar 54.5.
1. POCKET ROCKET, 2. SANTA BARBARA, 3. TOFFEE

3 CONQUERING HERO PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.50: 1. Salisbury (7) Sonu Kumar 60, 2. Aerial Combat (3) Gaurav Singh 59, 3. Amalfitana (4) Ajay Kumar 56.5, 4. Mireya (–), 5. Royal Pal (6) Md. Ekram Alam 55, 6. Hot Seat (2) Md. Ismail 53.5, 7. Wot's Up Jay (1) Santosh Raj 53.5, 8. Reining Queen (5) Mohit Singh 52, 9. Spectacular Cruise (8) G. Naresh 52 and 10. Sorry Darling (9) P. Sai Kumar 51.5.
1. ROYAL PAL, 2. SALISBURY, 3. AMALFITANA

4 RAFAH PLATE (DIV. I) (1,100m) Maiden, 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.20: 1. Yaletown (5) Ashad Asbar 60, 2. The Hambone (6) Sonu Kumar 57, 3. Ayur Tej (1) P. Sai Kumar 56, 4. Pancho (3) Abhay Singh 55.5, 5. Saint Emilion (4) Shivansh 55.5, 6. Track Blazer (–), 7. Shazia (2) D.S. Deora 54 and 8. Creative Art (7) Santosh Raj 53.
1. SAINT EMILION, 2. PANCHO, 3. YALETOWN

5 POET'S DREAM PLATE (Div. I) (1,400m), 5-y-o and upward, rated to 65 (Cat. II), 2.55: 1. N R I Sport (2) Ashad Asbar 60, 2. Malaala (3) Kiran Naidu 59, 3. Miss Little Angel (–), 4. City Of Blessing (5) Santosh Raj 57.5, 5. Miss Marvellous (4) Afroz Khan 57, 6. Top In Class (10) B. Nikhil 57, 7. Star Babe (–), 8. Despang (–), 9. D Yes Boss (7) Mohit Singh 54, 10. Star Racer (6) G. Naresh 52, 11. Ice Berry (9) R.S. Jodha 51.5, 12. Doe A Deer (1) P. Sai Kumar 51 and 13. Char Ek Char (8) Abhay Singh 50.5.
1. MALAALA, 2. D YES BOSS, 3. MISS MARVELLOUS

6 RAFAH PLATE (DIV. II) (1,100m) Maiden, 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.30: 1. Classical Music (4) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Inderdhanush (2) Abhay Singh 58, 3. Delhi Heights (6) D.S. Deora 57.5, 4. Exclusive Luck (5) Deepak Singh 57.5, 5. Solar Princess (7) Shivansh 57, 6. Shubhrak (1) P. Sai Kumar 56.5, 7. Chica Bonita (–) and 8. Silver Lining (3) Md. Ekram Alam 54.5.
1. SILVER LINING, 2. DELHI HEIGHTS, 3. CLASSICAL MUSIC

7 CONQUERING HERO PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.05: 1. Rhythm Selection (3) Md. Ismail 60, 2. Advance Guard (9) Ashad Asbar 59, 3. Blast In Class (5) Santosh Raj 56, 4. Fatuma (4) Gaurav Singh 55, 5. Quality Warrior (6) Afroz Khan 55, 6. Akash (1) G. Naresh 54, 7. Sucker Punch (7) Kiran Naidu 54, 8. First Class (11) D.S. Deora 53.5, 9. Good Tidings (8) Mohit Singh 53.5, 10. Siri (2) P. Sai Kumar 52 and 11. Sea Of Class (10) Rafique Sk. 50.5.
1. BLAST IN CLASS, 2. FATUMA, 3. AKASH

8 POET'S DREAM PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4.40: 1. Francis Bacon (5) Deepak Singh 60, 2. Morior Invictus (9) Kiran Naidu 59, 3. See My Spark (1) Afroz Khan 58.5, 4. Galwan (3) Ashad Asbar 57, 5. N R I Sun (6) Abhay Singh 57, 6. Angelita (10) P. Sai Kumar 56.5, 7. Sun Dancer (7) Rafique Sk. 53.5, 8. Wallop And Gallop (11) Mohit Singh 53, 9. Vintage Brut (4) Santosh Raj 52.5, 10. Classy Dame (8) R.S. Jodha 52, 11. Pinatubo (13) D.S. Deora 52, 12. Southern Act (2) Md. Ismail 52 and 13. Master Touch (12) B. Nikhil 51.
1. SUN DANCER, 2. CLASSY DAME, 3. GALWAN

9 DANGEROUS DAN PLATE (1,600m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III), 5.15: 1. Life Is Good (5) Md. Ismail 60.5, 2. Survivor (8) Deepak Singh 60.5, 3. Jack Daniel (2) R.S. Jodha 59.5, 4. My Grandeur (3) Shivansh 59.5, 5. My Way Or Highway (–), 6. Special Effort (–), 7. Janasu (7) P. Sai Kumar 58, 8. Canterbury (1) Afroz Khan 57, 9. Ilango (–), 10. Honourable Lady (6) Ajay Kumar 56.5 and 11. It's My Life (4) Gaurav Singh 50.
1. LIFE IS GOOD, 2. SURVIVOR, 3. JACK DANIEL

Day's Best: **MALAALA**
Jackpot: (i) 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9.
Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 6, 7, 8 & 9.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 4, 5 & 6. (iii) 7, 8 & 9.
Tanala: All races.

Bangalore Turf Club all set to host the Invitation Cup weekend

Cyrus J. Madan

Come the first weekend of March, the Bangalore Turf Club will play host to the Invitation Cup for the 13th time as the event enters its 61st edition.

It began in 1963, but Bengaluru had to wait until 1969 to begin its tryst with the race which was won that year by a filly named Venus de Milo. This year the event will be called 'Royal Arion Club Indian Turf Invitation Cup'.

It is going to an absolute cracker of a weekend with four Grade 1, one Grade 2, and 11 other races scheduled for Saturday (March 4) and Sunday (March 5). Money they say is what makes the mare go and the total stake on offer (including trophy value) over 48 hours works out to a shade under ₹40 million, making it the richest weekend ever in the history of the BTC.

The Royal Arion Club, making its foray into the realms of corporate race sponsorship in India, couldn't have chosen a more prestigious and glamorous race. The BTC and The Royal Arion Club will be presenting a brand new trophy that was unveiled last year in Chennai.

So who's going to win the Invitation Cup this year? Before getting into that, let us go back to 1976. Billed 'The Battle of The Sexes', Billie Jean King, then 29 years old, beat Bobby Riggs, who was over 55, in a winner-takes-all tennis match. Her triumph, watched by a worldwide audience of more than 90 million, is considered a milestone in public acceptance of women's tennis. But, one can't really call it an equal contest as Riggs was way past his best and King was in her prime having won Wimbledon that year.

But, if there is one sport where the fairer sex take on their male counterparts on virtually equal terms, it is horseracing. The Invitation Cup is a straight 'weight for age' race, run over the classic derby distance of a mile-and-a-half and the winner is hailed as the champion racehorse in the country.

To say the race has been dominated by the fairer sex in recent times would be the understatement of the year as fillies and mares have won the Invitation six years in succession from 2017. It is a sequence that has never been seen since the race came into being in 1963.

And on the first Sunday of March, this incredible sequence might well be extended. Mirra and King's Ransom, the winner and runner-up in the Indian Derby, La Reina, who won the Bangalore Derby, and the defending champion Juliette are a foursome that the so-called 'stronger sex' are going to find difficult to vanquish. It's a 'Battle Of The Sexes' all over again.

Kuhnemann and Lyon spell India's doom, spin hosts out for a paltry 109

The former's five-for well complemented by the latter's three; Murphy dismisses Kohli again; Australia furthers its cause with the batters turning in a better collective performance to help the team finish the opening day on 156 for four — a lead of 47; Jadeja claims all four wickets

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

S. Dinakar
INDORE

There was turn, bounce and puffs of dust from the dry surface in the first hour. It was a sign of what to expect.

India, electing to bat, was spun out for 109 on the opening day of the third Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy at the Holkar Stadium here on Wednesday.

The odd delivery kept low too, but the Australians did better than expected, finishing the day at 156 for four. Ace left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja scalped all four.

Australia, ahead by 47, holds the edge. Thursday's first hour will be critical.

Matthew Kuhnemann was Australia's hero with five for 16. He settled on an ideal length, in the dry area of the pitch, and struck with his quicker variety of spin. On view was control, accuracy, turn and incision.

Then, the pitch appeared to settle down. The Australians too batted normally without pre-meditation.

Jadeja struck early, having Travis Head leg-before playing across. Then big fish Marnus Labuschagne, on zero, played on to the left-arm spinner, but it turned out to be another no-ball from Jadeja.

Not a pretty sight! Ashwin, getting an edge on the drive off Kuhnemann, watches the ball nestle into Carey's gloves. R.V. MOORTHY

The left-handed Usman Khawaja and Labuschagne negotiated the Indian spinners capably. There were no desperate sweeps. Both batters trusted their defence and used their feet.

Labuschagne, in particular, played a lot off his backfoot, using the depth of the crease.

Desperate measures

As the partnership swelled, the Indians became desperate. Reviews were wasted and the one occasion when replay showed R. Ashwin had trapped Labuschagne leg-before, the review had not been taken. Khawaja's cover-drives had elegance. Like Labuschagne, he was picking runs in front of the wicket, which is a good sign. He was also the dominant partner.

Eventually, Jadeja ended the 96-run second-wicket partnership, castling Labuschagne (31) with low bounce.

Khawaja was coasting on 60 (147b, 4x4) when he swept Jadeja into Shubman Gill's hands at deep mid-wicket. A big strike.

Steve Smith was batting with belief. However, soon after whipping Jadeja to the boundary, he nicked an away-spinner to be well held by 'keeper K.S. Bharat.

Earlier, Kuhnemann gave little away, keeping it tight, consistently turning the ball from the right-hander, he also got a few to go through straight.

Rohit Sharma charged him and was fatally beaten by the away-turner and the crisp-stroking Gill edged a Kuhnemann delivery that turned from off-stump.

Shreyas Iyer, denied width for the cut by Kuhnemann, played on. And Ashwin fell to a full delivery of sharp turn from the left-armer.

Wily off-spinner Nathan Lyon maintained the pressure created by Kuhnemann. He spun one into Cheteshwar Pujara, who was bowled attempting to cut. Lyon spun his deliveries, and mixed his trajectory. Jadeja, promoted for a left-right combination, attempted to punch Lyon, mistimed into cover's hands. Young off-spinner Todd Murphy chipped in too, sending back a battling Virat Kohli (22) with a quicker, fuller delivery.

Bharat sparkled briefly with his slog-sweeps but fell to a Lyon delivery that held its line.

Tottering at 84 for seven going into lunch, the Indian innings concluded soon despite some hefty blows from Umesh Yadav.

The Test began dramatically. Replays showed Rohit was out twice in Mitchell Starc's fiery first over, caught behind and then leg-before. The Aussies did not review on both occasions.

How will the Test end? Australia is ahead but this match could go either way.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Rohit Sharma st. Carey b Kuhnemann 12 *(23b, 3x4)*, Shubman Gill c Smith b Kuhnemann 21 *(18b, 3x4)*, Cheteshwar Pujara b Lyon 1 *(4b)*, Virat Kohli lbw b Murphy 22 *(52b, 2x4)*, Ravindra Jadeja c Kuhnemann b Lyon 4 *(9b)*, Shreyas Iyer b Kuhnemann 0 *(2b)*, K.S. Bharat lbw b Lyon 17 *(30b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Axar Patel (not out) 12 *(33b, 1x4)*, R. Ashwin c Carey b Kuhnemann 3 *(12b)*, Umesh Yadav lbw b Kuhnemann 17 *(13b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Mohammed Siraj run out 0 *(4b)*; Total (in 33.2 overs): 109.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-27 (Rohit, 5.6 overs), 2-34 (Gill, 7.2), 3-36 (Pujara, 8.2), 4-44 (Jadeja, 10.5), 5-45 (Shreyas, 11.2), 6-70 (Kohli, 21.4), 7-82 (Bharat, 24.5), 8-88 (Ashwin, 28.3), 9-108 (Umesh, 32.2).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Starc 5-0-21-0, Green 2-0-14-0, Kuhnemann 9-2-16-5, Lyon 11.2-2-35-3, Murphy 6-1-23-1.

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS
Travis Head lbw b Jadeja 9 *(6b, 1x4)*, Usman Khawaja c Gill b Jadeja 60 *(147b, 4x4)*, Marnus Labuschagne b Jadeja 31 *(91b, 1x4)*, Steve Smith c Bharat b Jadeja 26 *(38b, 4x4)*, Peter Handscomb (batting) 7 *(36b)*, Cameron Green (batting) 6 *(10b)*; Extras (b-9, lb-4, nb-4): 17; Total (for four wkts. in 54 overs): 156.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-12 (Head, 1.4), 2-108 (Labuschagne, 34.3), 3-125 (Khawaja, 42.3), 4-146 (Smith, 48.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Ashwin 16-2-40-0, Jadeja 24-6-63-4, Axar 9-0-29-0, Umesh 2-0-4-0, Siraj 3-0-7-0.

Toss: India.

'Watched how Jadeja and Ashwin use the crease'

S. Dinakar
INDORE

Journeying to India, Matthew Kuhnemann was not the first-choice left-arm spinner for Australia. That position went to Ashton Agar who was considered the second spinner in the Australian team behind Nathan Lyon.

The 26-year-old Kuhnemann, with just over 30 First Class wickets, leapfrogged over Agar in Australia's practice sessions.

The think-tank too felt Kuhnemman's quicker variety of left-arm spin was better suited to these wickets.

Kuhnemann was living a dream within a dream here on Wednesday, his first five-for in Tests being an attention-grabbing five for 16 off nine probing overs on day one of the third Test.

He turned the ball, was accurate and used the crease to create the angles. "It feels really good to pick five wickets in a Test against India," said Kuhnemann after the day's play.

Kuhnemann said he had learnt much from watching Ravindra Jadeja and R. Ashwin bowl in the series. "I watched them closely. In particular, how they use the crease."

'Failed as a batting unit'

India's batting coach Vikram Rathour said, "It is a challenging wicket. We needed more runs. We failed as a batting unit." He added, "The wicket has slowed down."

Rathour said, "With the WTC points at stake, there is pressure to win home games. So there is nothing wrong in preparing such wickets and making best use of home conditions to win. But these pitches are also a double-edged sword."

Yashashvi's double hundred powers RoI to a position of strength

IRANI CUP

S. Dipak Ragav
GWALIOR

As he did on his Duleep Trophy debut, Yashasvi Jaiswal got his name into the record books by scoring a sensational double hundred in his maiden Irani Cup appearance, slamming 213 (259b, 30x4, 3x6) at the Captain Roop Singh Stadium here on Wednesday.

Jaiswal and Abhimanyu Easwaran, who made an equally brilliant 154 (240b, 17x4, 2x6), powered Rest of India to 381 for three against Madhya Pradesh at stumps on day one.

Rest of India skipper Mayank Agarwal opted to bat first on a pitch with generous grass cover and fell cheaply when Avesh Khan had him caught behind with a delivery that seamed away.

But the joy was short-lived for MP as Jaiswal and Abhimanyu shredded the bowling attack apart. They added 371 runs for the second wicket, the highest ever in the Irani Cup.

In the morning, Abhimanyu was the aggressor picking six boundaries in the first hour with crisply timed flicks through the leg side.

At the other end, Jaiswal started cautiously, taking 22 balls to get off the mark before he displayed his full array of shots. He began by going after the spinners, stepping out and hitting down the ground. He also used the sweep shot effectively.

On a slow pitch, Abhimanyu used the crease well to punch off the back foot and got to his hundred in style by lofting Saransh over midwicket for a six. Soon, Jaiswal got to his

Yashasvi Jaiswal.
FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

hundred with a boundary and then took off. The Mumbai batter got to his 150 with two of the best shots of the day, driving pacer Ankit Kushwah down the ground.

Even though there was not a lot of help for the bowlers, the hosts made it worse for themselves when Yash Dubey dropped Jaiswal twice in three balls, when he was on 176 and 181, off Avesh and off-spinner Shubham Sharma respectively.

Jaiswal eventually got to his 200 when he cut a wide delivery from Shubham. Avesh finally broke through his defence with the second new ball, but not before he had put his side in a commanding position.

The scores: Rest of India — 1st innings: Mayank Agarwal c Mantri b Avesh 2, Abhimanyu Easwaran run out 154, Yashasvi Jaiswal b Avesh 213, Saurabh Kumar (batting) 0, B. Indrajith (batting) 3; Extras (b-2, lb-5, nb-2): 9; Total (for three wkts in 87 overs): 381.

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-378, 3-378.

Madhya Pradesh bowling: Avesh 16-4-51-2, Anubhav 10-1-48-0, Kushwah 9-1-43-0, Saransh Jain 24-0-103-0, Kartikeya 20-2-90-0, Shubham 6-0-30-0, Aquil 2-0-9-0.

Toss: Rest of India.

Delhi will lean on Lanning and Indian talent to go the distance

Impact Player

Capitals will bank on Kapp's vast experience and solid temperament

■ Marizanne Kapp relishes the big stage. The South African all-rounder is capable of making a difference with bat or ball at crucial junctures in the biggest of games. She was the player-of-the-match in the WBBL final in 2021-22 and The Hundred finals in 2021 and 2022

THE SCHEDULE

March 5: vs Royal Challengers Bangalore (Brabourne Stadium)
March 7: UP Warriorz (DY Patil)
March 9: Mumbai Indians (DY Patil)
March 11: Gujarat Giants (DY Patil)
March 13: Royal Challengers Bangalore (DY Patil)
March 16: Gujarat Giants (Brabourne)
March 20: Mumbai Indians (DY Patil)
March 21: UP Warriorz (Brabourne)

THE DUGOUT

Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Marizanne Kapp, Meg Lanning, Alice Capsey, Shikha Pandey, Jess Jonassen, Laura Harris, Radha Yadav, Arundhati Reddy, Taniya Bhatia, Minnu Mani, Poonam Yadav, Sneha Deepthi, Titas Sadhu, Tara Norris, Jasia Akhter and Aparna Mondal.

Coach: Jonathan Batty

WPL COUNTDOWN

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Delhi Capitals knows a thing or two about auctioning cricketers.

The franchise used its IPL experience at the auction for the inaugural Women's Premier League to put together a formidable squad.

It could consider itself a bit lucky that it got Meg Lanning for only ₹1.1 crore; it was one of the best buys at the auction.

Besides being a run machine – she has amassed over 8,000 runs with 17 centuries in international white-ball cricket – she has been an inspiring captain for Australia, which she led to the Women's T20 World Cup triumph on Sunday at Cape Town.

Biggest buy

Lanning is part of a strong batting line-up that includes Jemimah Rodrigues, the franchise's biggest buy at ₹2.2 crore, and Shafali Verma, who can take any bowling attack apart in no time.

South African Marizanne Kapp – another great buy at ₹1.5 crore – is a serial tournament winner and one of the game's leading all-rounders.

Young Alice Capsey of England and seasoned Australian Laura Harris are explosive options.

Jasia Akhter, from Jammu & Kashmir, too, is a hard-hitter. All these batters are right-handed, though.

In Taniya Bhatia, Delhi has one of India's most talented wicketkeepers, but she will be keen to work on her strike-rate.

As she tries to come back into the national team, she could not have hoped for a better stage than the WPL.

Capitals have assembled a good spin attack in the form of Australian Jess Jonassen and the two experienced Yadavs – Radha and Poonam.

Shikha Pandey, who has recently come back to the Indian team, and Arundhati Reddy, who is trying to do that, are among the pacers in the squad.

The franchise has also bought the exciting prospect Titas Sadhu, the 18-year-old seamer who caught the eye at the Under-19 World Cup in South Africa.

Left-arm variety

Tara Norris, the American who is the only player to get picked from an associate nation at the auction, offers left-arm variety in seam bowling.

It may be noted that the WPL allows a team to have one cricketer from an associate country in the eleven in addition to the four overseas players.

(The WPL will be held in Mumbai from March 4 to 26).

The WPL allows a team to have one cricketer from an associate country in the XI in addition to the four overseas players.

Women and girls will have free entry for the WPL matches. Tickets are available on *bookmyshow.com* on a first-come-first-served basis. For the others, tickets will cost between ₹100 and ₹400.

ON TOP

Ashwin dethrones Anderson, becomes No. 1 Test bowler

Off-spinner R. Ashwin on Wednesday jumped to the top of the latest ICC Men's Test bowling rankings, replacing England pacer James Anderson. Ashwin gained two places after taking six wickets in India's emphatic victory over Australia in the second Test in New Delhi.

A DAY OF DRAMA

Nortje takes five; West Indies hits back after collapse

West Indies collapsed but hit back before the close on the second day of the first Test against South Africa in Centurion on Wednesday.
The scores: South Africa 342 (Markram 115, Elgar 71, Joseph 5/81) & 49/4 vs WI 212 (Reifer 62, Nortje 5/36).

GAME-CHANGER

Malan's unbeaten ton powers England past Bangladesh

Dawid Malan's century helped England secure a three-wicket win over Bangladesh in the opening game of the three-match ODI series at Mirpur on Wednesday.
The scores: Bangladesh 209 in 47.2 overs (Shanto 58) lost to England 212/7 in 48.4 overs (Malan 114 n.o.).

AT THE HELM

Harmanpreet to lead Mumbai Indians in WPL

Harmanpreet Kaur was on Wednesday officially announced as the captain of Mumbai Indians, ahead of the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL), starting in Mumbai on Saturday. Harmanpreet was bought for ₹1.8 crore by Mumbai Indians at the auction last month.

WORLD CUP HERO

French football legend Fontaine passes away

Just Fontaine, the French football great who scored a record 13 goals at the 1958 World Cup, passed away aged 89. Fontaine took six games to achieve his feat in the 1958 edition in Sweden, when he was a last-minute inclusion on the French squad.

INBRIEF

Fulton front-runner to succeed Reid as hockey coach

South African Craig Fulton has emerged as the surprise front-runner to be the next chief coach of the Indian men's hockey team. An official announcement of the same is likely in the next couple of days. The 48-year-old Fulton, an assistant coach with the Belgium, has been with the team since May 2018 and was part of the staff at the victorious 2018 World Cup in Bhubaneswar and the 2021 Olympics. As a player, he earned 191 international caps and was part of the South African team at the 1996 and 2004 Olympics. Meanwhile, David John, along with B.J. Kariappa and Shivendra Singh, will serve as interim coaches after Graham Reid stepped down following the FIH World Cup.

Kochi crushes Mumbai, does Bengaluru a big favour

They did not make it to the playoffs but Kochi Blue Spikers did Olympian David Lee and his team Bengaluru Torpedoes a huge favour by thrashing Mumbai Meteors 4-1 (15-14, 15-11, 15-12, 12-15, 15-10) in the Prime Volleyball League in Kochi on Wednesday. Mumbai needed to win 5-0 to grab a semifinal spot and Kochi's victory saw Bengaluru take the last available berth and join Ahmedabad Defenders, Kolkata Thunderbolts and Calicut Heroes.

LIVE TELECAST

India vs Australia: 3rd Test, day 2, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

Irani Trophy: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

South Africa vs West Indies: 1st Test, day 3, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 & 7 p.m.

PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.

Karnataka ends a 46-year wait

Gets the better of Services 3-1 to set up a final showdown with Meghalaya

Ectstatic: Karnataka players celebrate their success.
TWITTER/INDIANFOOTBALL

SANTOSH TROPHY

Amitabha Das Sharma
RIYADH

A spirited Karnataka dished out some attacking football to outplay a strong Services 3-1 in the second semifinal of the 76th National football championship, for the Santosh Trophy, here on Wednesday.

The win helped Karnataka reach the final after a break of 46 years where it will take on Meghalaya.

Services took the lead in the 40th minute through a Bikash Thapa goal but Karnataka rebounded quickly in the 42nd minute when Robin Yadav swerved home a delectable free-kick.

Karnataka went into the lead in the injury-time of the opening half when Ankith P. finished a nice counter attack to give his team the vital advantage just before the break. It sealed the match in the 77th minute substitute wing-back M. Sunil Kumar charged up through the far end to volley home after a throw in.

In the first semifinal, Punjab enjoyed the initial exchanges and found the break in the 16th minute when Parmjit's long-range grounder went home thanks to some shoddy defending.

Meghalaya regrouped quickly and found the equaliser off a set-piece in the 37th minute through Figo.

Meghalaya showed more initiative after the break and found success until the first minute of the injury-time when Sheen Sohktung made the most of an assist from Donlad Diengdoh to fire home a spectacular winner.

The results: Punjab 1 (Parmjit Singh 16) lost to Meghalaya 2 (Figo Syndai 37, Sheen Sohktung 90+1); Services 1 (Bikash Thapa 40) lost to Karnataka 3 (Robin Yadav 42, Ankith P. 45+1, M. Sunil Kumar 77).

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Manika's day out; Sathiyan gets past Harmeet

WTT CONTENDER

Amol Karhadkar
PANAJI

Manika Batra was the lone Indian to remain unbeaten on the opening day of the WTT Star Contender Goa on Wednesday.

The paddler started the day by cruising to a 11-4, 11-8, 11-5 win over England's Tin-Tin Ho in the first round. Manika combined with Archana Kamath in the afternoon and was in danger of being ousted in the women's doubles round of 16.

However, the duo staged a remarkable comeback – it trailed 8-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 12-10 against Hong Kong's Zhu Chengzhu and Li Ching Wan – to win the marathon 53-minute encounter.

Manika teamed up with G. Sathiyan to enter the mixed doubles quarterfinal, the World No. 5 pair avenging two previous losses against Korea's Yubin Shin and Lim Jonghoon with a 11-7, 11-6, 3-11, 11-6 win.

Sathiyan overcame Harmeet Desai 11-4, 10-12, 13-11, 11-9 in the first round, but the talking point of the day was the presence of S. Raman, Sathiyan's personal coach, during the contest.

Breaking convention – when two Indians play against each other in international meets, there will be no one in both corners – Sathiyan had Raman advising him!

Other results:

Men (first round): Kirill Gerassimenko (Kaz) bt A. Sharath Kamal 11-8, 11-7, 11-8.

Doubles (round-of-16): A.N. Jaehyun & Cho Seungmin bt Sharath & Sathiyan 11-6, 11-7, 7-11, 11-8.

Women (first round): Hana Goda (Egy) bt Sreeja Akula 11-2, 11-13, 11-8, 11-2.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Rutuja advances

Rutuja Bhosale defeated Latvia's Diana Marcinkevica 6-3, 6-4 to enter the second round of the PBI-CSE ITF 25K Open here on Wednesday.

Other results: Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Dalila Jakupovic (Slo) 7-5, 6-4; Humera Baharmus bt Sahaja Yamalapalli 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Eden Silva (GBr) bt Soha Sadiq 6-2, 6-1.

Easy for All India Police Sports Control Board

All India Police Sports Control Board bt Sports Authority of India 6-2 in the Hockey India senior men's inter-department National Championship here on Wednesday.

Other results: Railway Sports Promotion Board bt Sports Authority of Gujarat Hockey Academy 6-0; All India Sports Promotion Board bt Central Reserve Police Force 5-2; Petroleum Sports Promotion Board bt Tamil Nadu Police 9-1.

ITF $40K Women's Open from March 6

The Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association will host the KPB Trust ITF $40K Women's Open from March 6 to 12 at the KSLTA Stadium inside Cubbon Park.

Triumphant: The victorious Vidyashilp Academy squad.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Siddhanth's five-for highlights Vidyashilp Academy's triumph

Siddhanth Vasu starred for Vidyashilp Academy (5/12) as it registered a seven-wicket victory over School of India to clinch the BTR Shield (Group I) under-14 second division tournament.

The scores (final): School of India 110 in 34.5 overs (P. Lithik Reddy 35, Jaival Sachinkumar Jani 25, Paarth Madan 3/20, Siddhanth Vasu 5/12) lost to Vidyashilp Academy 112/3 in 27.4 overs (Khush Kothari 36 n.o.).

Kunal scalps seven as Presidency School wins easily

M.S. Kunal's dream bowling (7/4) helped Presidency School, RT Nagar thrash Bishop Cotton Boys School by eight wickets in the Super League phase of the BTR Shield (Group I) under-14 first division tournament.

The scores: DPS, East 308/6 in 50 overs (Arjun Aravind Potti 72, N.S. Shaurya 127 n.o., Arush Jain 50, Aryan Jain 3/50) bt DPS, South 257 in 44.2 overs (Dhruv Santhosh Rao 52, Syaamantak Anirudh 103, Nikhil Nagavi 26, Akshaj Kathuria 3/52, Arush Jain 3/42).

Max Muller HS 149 in 44.1 overs (B. Pavandeep 27, R.A. Sriee Krish 28 n.o., Charvik 5/23) lost to Gopalan National School 150/5 in 41.5 overs (Charvik 33 n.o., Kush Kumar Jha 32 n.o., M. Jayan Samyog 3/26).

Bishop Cotton Boys School 47 in 28.5 overs (M.S. Kunal 7/4) lost to Presidency School, RT Nagar 48/2 in 20.1 overs.

DPS, North 314/4 in 50 overs (Shaurya Murali Ramanath 38, Udgeet S. Nandan 91, D. Chiranth 76, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 55 n.o.) bt Holy Saint English School 163 in 36 overs (Amogh Hegde 48, Vedaraj K. Yadav 37, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 3/26).

Irfan's brace puts FC Bengaluru United in last four

A brace from Irfan Yadwad helped FC Bengaluru United beat FC Deccan 2-0 to enter the semifinals of the Stafford Cup football tournament here on Wednesday. FCBU will meet ASC & Centre (March 4) while in the other last-four clash, Delhi FC will take on Chennaiyin FC (March 3).

The result: FCBU 2 (Irfan Yadwad 11, 17) bt FC Deccan 0.

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